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Labour plans

tough rules

to end late

bill payments

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

whom Mr Blair appointed Small Businesses Minister

after the election, and she will pilot the Bill through the

The Forum for Private Busi-

ness said last night that at any

given time about £20 billion

was owed to the private busi-

ness community in Britain. It

is estimated that the yearly

cost of late payment was £2

While it was rare for com-

panies to fail solely because of

late payment, the forum said

Ministers said last night

that there was a culture of late

payment in Britain that had to

be changed. "We hope this will

be an important contribution

to that," one said. Surveys of

business have shown that late

navment is at the top of the

concerns of small firms, and

Britain is one of only a

handful of European coun-

tries that does not have a

shadow tomorrow a £6 billion

public housing programme

over the next few years. It has

emerged that the long-prom-

ised Bill to free councils from

the rules that prevent them

from spending their own cash

is a key measure in the Labour

Downing Street disclosed

that the Bill to allow local

authorities to have the pro-

ceeds from the sale of council

houses, which have built up

over the years, will be one of

the first to be published after

tomorrow's opening of Parlia-

ment. The money is to be

released in phases for the

biggest public housebuilding

programme since the 1960s.

and it will be aimed at helping

programme.

statutory right to interest.

many businesses.

Commons.

TONY BLAIR will tomorrow

hand a 12 hillion lifeline to

Britain's hundreds of thou-

sands of small companies by

unveiling tough proposals to

stop the late payment of bills.

A Bill to give firms the statutory right to charge inter-

est on accounts that are un-

paid beyond a specific date

emerged last night as the

surprise inclusion in the

Queen's Speech that will open

the new session of Parliament.

companies, regarded as the

main offenders, will be re-

quired to show in their annual

reports the proportion of their

bills that were paid late. The

measures are being brought

forward at speed because the

Government accepts that late

payment sometimes forces

firms out of business that

would otherwise be solvent. At

present, bills tend to be paid

several weeks after the first

The Government will con-

sult business leaders before

fixing a timescale — perhaps a

month or six weeks - after

charge interest on any debt.

which it will be possible to

Government departments

and local authorities are also

being ordered to pay their bills

on time as the Prime Minister

tries to convince small busi-

nesses that Labour regards

them as an essential cog in the

modern economy. Through-

out his leadership, and partic-

ularly during the election campaign, Mr Blair let it be

known that he set huge store

by the small business vote,

and Labour surveys have dis-closed that the party won

widespread support from the

employers and staff in small

Considerable work was

done on the proposals in

companies.

invoice is sent out.

Under the legislation large

Rivals 'would make us unelectable'

Clarke warns Tories of risk on the Right

By Philip Webster, political editor

KENNETH CLARKE deliv ered a stark warning to the Conservative Party last night that it would make itself unelectable like the Labour of the early 1980s if it swung to the Right and became more

He enlivened the Tory leadership race by claiming that the stance on the single currency adopted by the other five candidates "would drive us to the political fringe both at home and in European

Mr Clarke, the former Chancellor, wrote a threepage letter to Conservative MPs in which he put himself forward as the man who could defeat Tony Blair in a 2002

presidential style election. In response to those who argue that he is too pro-European to be the Tory leader. Mr Clarke said that was not an end in itself to be secured at the expense of

He reminded MPs what ened to labour, it chose Michael Foot in preference to Denis Healey because the latter had offended the unilateralists. But it failed to convince the voters in 1983 and cleared the way for another 14

years of Conservative rule. He added: "I believe firmly that if the Conservative Party is perceived to swing further to the ideological right and also to become hardline nationalist and anti-European it will

make itself unelectable. The British people did not vote for Tony Blair because they thought the Conservatives were not sufficiently

rightwing or Eurosceptic.

Jailed jurors are

cleared on appeal

Two jurors jailed for con-

tempt for refusing to reach a

verdict were cleared by the

Appeal Court, which criticised

the trial judge. Lord Justice Rose said Judge Cooray should not have presided at

the contempt case particularly because of the bias he had

shown earlier Page 3

Ulster peace bid

by South Africa

The South African Government has invited the political

parties involved in Northern

Ireland, including Sinn Fein, to attend a conference on

conflict resolution at the end

of this month. The move was

welcomed by the British and

Irish Governments Page 2

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— Peter Riddell, page 10 When Blair betrays their trust. many of the moderate voters who have left us could turn to the Liberal Democrats if they

believe that the Conservatives

have migrated to the hard right of politics." Mr Clarke added: "If I could not be leader because I was seen to be too much pragmatic centre and not enough ideological right, that will send a most disturbing message to

He said that the Tories must settle their "corrosive internal debate about Europe" on the basis of a policy stance that would last through five years of opposition and into

But he stood firmly behind the wait-and-see line on the single currency against which

Brown charms **Brussels on VAT**

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, charmed European fi-nance ministers yesterday and won agreement for his plan to reduce VAT on heating fuel. He also quashed speculation that the Labour government could take Britain back into the exchange-rate mechanism....... Page 2 belied at the election. Referring to his opponents

Michael Howard, William Hague, Peter Lilley and John Redwood, he said that four were against the single currency in principle. Referring to tephen Dorrell he said the fifth believed that Britain should declare that no more work should be done.

He went on: "I believe that such policies would drive us to the political fringe both at home and in European politics. It is not just that the prudent politician knows that you should never say never, nor that the public favour keeping the options open. Most of the business and financial community of this country would reject such a dogmatic and isolationist position and reject our party if we

Mr Clarke said that Britain should remain opposed to joining the single currency unless and until we could be satisfied on compelling evidence that it was in Britain's

But he said: "If EMU were ever to go ahead on the Continent and if it were to be successful we would come under immense pressure to join it in the interests of British industry and commerce. Personally i doubt very strongly if both of these conditions will be satisfied in this parliament but I do not think it is sensible to rule them out for all time or for any fixed period of time."

In a final dig at the Right he said that there was "no instant ideological alternative - as Newt Gingrich and the American Republicans discovered to

Susie Maroney in Havana shortly before swimming the 112-mile Straits of Florida

Woman foils sharks in record swim to Florida

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

Swimmers had failed in

more than 20 officially record-

ed attempts to make the

hazardous Caribbean cross-

ing. One man, Walter

Poenisch, says he made the

swim unassisted in 1978 at the

age of 64, but his claim is not

verified by independent

Due to tides and a strong

cross current, swimming the

Florida Straits is regarded as

about the most arduous en-

durance feat a swimmer can attempt. The unassisted, unin-

terrupted swim means that

Miss Maroney could not sleep

and was not allowed to touch

the cage - floated by buoys

and dragged by a support vessel — during the crossing.

She was only permitted an

hourly break, treading water while being fed high-protein

and super-hydrating drinks.

as well as occasional spoon-fuls of easy-to-digest baby foods with yoghurt and

FLORIDA

observers.

AUSTRALIA'S long-distance swimming champion, Susie Maroney, yesterday became the first person officially to swim unassisted across the 112-mile shark-infested Straits of Florida separating Cuba and the US mainland.

"I'm really happy about it," said an exhausted but smiling Miss Maroney as she stepped gingerly ashore at Key West, where a crowd of 150 greeted her. Asked how she planned to celebrate she replied: "Just to

Swimming in a 28ft-by-8ft shark-proof cage, and smeared with Vaseline and suntan oil, the 22-year-old from Sydney overcame heavy seas to complete the distance in 24 hours, 20 minutes more than ten hours faster than had been expected.

She had a late scare when sharks circled her cage, which began to weaken during the crossing. We had a big ham-merhead shark swim by and a big black fin shark too," said Joe Pignatiello, a member of Miss Maroney's support crew

aboard an escort boat. Miss Maroney, who has been swimming long distance since she was 14, already holds the record for the longest distance covered in 24 hours -58.5 miles — and is the fastest woman to make a double crossing of the English Chanchopped bananas. Bad weather thwarted an earlier attempt by Miss Maroney last summer when she was hauled out of the water only 12 miles from the Florida coast after swimming for 3812 hours. On that occasion she became dehydrated from vomiting after rough waves made her seasick. She vowed she would never try the swim again.

"It became a little scary," she said afterwards, recalling hallucinations of monkeys and Santa Claus in the sea alongside her.

Her second attempt was dogged by delays and Cuban bureaucracy. One of her support team was arrested and deported from Cuba because of a visa problem. Cuban authorities also briefly impounded the shark cage for 24 hours because of missing paperwork.

After a frustrating week studying satellite weather maps in Havana, conditions improved over the weekend. She made good early progress, averaging more than four miles an hour, after diving into the sea off Havana's rocky coast at midday on Sunday.

Even so, several hours after she set off, a low pressure system unexpectedly swept acoss the Gulf of Mexico. But the bad weather passed quick-ly and Miss Maroney ploughed on.

airline spokesman said last night: "We

have put measures in place to make

sure a similar thing does not happen

again."

About 249 BA passengers who were

evacuated from an aircraft in Puerto

Rico when one of the engines caught

fire were scheduled to fly to London

on a replacement jet last night. About

a dozen passengers were slightly hurt



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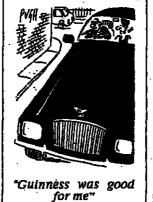
By Alasdair Murray

GUINNESS and Grand Metropolitan, Britain's two leading drinks companies, announced yesterday that they are merging to create the largest wine and spirits business in the world.

The £24 billion merger plan. the biggest between two British companies, will bring brands such as Smirnoff vod-ka, Johnnie Walker whisky, Gordon's Gin, Guinness and Burger King under the control of one company. The merged business, which will be known as GMG

Brands, will operate in 200 The companies said yester-day that they had no immedi-

ate intention of selling off any of their businesses but the City expects that lesser brands such as Dewar whisky may be



put up for sale. The merger is likely to result in around 2,000 job losses worldwide.

Biggest merger, page 27 crossing of the English Cl Pennington, page 29 nel (17 hours, 15 minutes). CUBA Gatwick jet alert as door handle began to spin

By Dareh Gregorian

A BRITISH Airways Boeing 747. carrying more than 300 passengers -had to return to Gatwick after the crew

feared a door was going to fly open in mid-air, it was disclosed yesterday. The problem began immediately after take-off when the door handle started to spin open, a report by the Air Accident Investigation Branch says. Two cabin crew of the Nairobi-bound

plane gripped hold of the handle to force it back into the closed position as air was whistling from the top and bottom of the door and the plane

climbed to 21,000ft. The crew then secured the door using looped-together seat belts. When the crew called Gatwick for advice, engineers said: "Let go of the handle to see where it stops. The crew disregarded the advice

and that "regardless of the handle because they feared "not only for the position" the airflow forces "would not

integrity of the door but for the

pressurisation of the aircraft" and the

Spokesmen for Boeing, British Air-

ways and the Civil Aviation Authority

said there were security precautions

would have made it nearly impossible

for the door to come open during the

flight. The report said the chances of

door flying open were "close to zero"

pilot headed back to the airport.

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Brussels clears Brown plan to cut VAT on fuel

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

keeping its promise to cut VAT

on domestic heating fuel from

8 to 5 per cent. Last week, the

Commission said that Labour's plan appeared to contra-

dict the EU goal of harmon-

ising VAT at 15 per cent. Mr Monti said yesterday that the

plan "may not be in the spirit

of Community legislation", but added: "I do not see any

The Commission's retreat

was in the spirit of the honey-

moon in relations between

Brussels and the new British

Government, and the goodwill was palpable at the monthly

finance council, where minis-

ters showered compliments on

Mr Brown's grasp of Euro-

has a perfect knowledge of the dossier ... he was crystal-clear," said Jean Arthuis, the

French Finance Minister, after Mr Brown spoke up to insist

that the EU run its budget next year as strictly as Britain

However, Mr Brown found

himself at odds with Theo Waigel, the German Finance

Minister, over the ERM and

plans for monetary union. The Chancellor dismissed specula-

tion that Britain could be

planning to rejoin the ERM.

He insisted that membership

was not a pre-condition for

joining the single currency.

According to the Maastricht

treaty, two years of ERM

membership is required as a

membership condition but the

noint has been disputed since

Britain and Italy left in 1992.

Herr Waigel insisted that

Germany was sticking to the

rule. Britain's non-member-

ship of the ERM would be a

"problem" if it decided that it

wanted to join monetary

union at its launch in January

1999, he said. Gerrit Zalm. the Dutch Finance Minister.

whose government holds the

EU presidency, said that this

Setting out Britain's objec-

tives, Mr Brown said that it

was too early to say whether

the Government would deem

the "British economic test",

and thus whether Britain

could join. The euro would

have to be good for employ-

ment, investment and finan-

cial services. Britain would

also insist on full compliance

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with the Maastricht criteria.

was open to dispute.

particular legal obstacle.

GORDON BROWN won clearance from Brussels yesterday for the Government's plan to reduce VAT on heating fuel and he quashed speculation in Europe that it could take Britain back into the exchange-rate mechanism.

Mr Brown used his first foray in to the heart of the European Union as Chancellor for a display of resolve that impressed linance ministers that the new Government was steering the same course as its Conservative predecessor on

Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, was also

Brussels. After meeting Franz Fischler, the Farm Commis-Dr Cunningham sioner, promised a break with the antagonistic approach over but he acknowledged that exports of British beef. The Conservative government's promise to have had the beef ban lifted by last autumn simply beggars belief", said

Mario Monti, the Commissioner for Taxation, backed away from confrontation over the fuel tax after Mr Brown told him the Government had

MPs to lose their honour in name of informality

THE antiquated practice of addressing MPs in the Commons as "My Right Honourable friend or even "My Right Honourable and gallant friend" is under threat after government moves to modernise parliamentary procedures.

Traditions such as the need to wear a hat if MPs want to raise a point of order when a vote is being held, or the custom of crying "I spy strangers" when MPs want journalists to leave the press gallery. may also be abolished. Whips may no longer be able to physically force MPs into the correct division lobby to vote and backbenchers may be able to vote by pressing a button

on a portable computer. The Government wants to streamline procedures to speed up legislation and to remove old fashioned practices that have little purpose, make MPs look ridiculous and the Commons farcical. But government sources are aware that being overzealous in stamping out "quaint" practices could make the Commons extremely tedious. "We are trying to modernise the Commons without making it dull," a Whitehall official said.

change Prime Ministers' questions to a half an hour session on Wednesday's. But next week the Government will set up an all-party select committee to review a range of parliamentary procedures, including how people should be addressed and how they should vote.

Last week Tony Blair agreed that his Cabinet should address each other on first-name terms. Now he is considering extending the same informality to the chamber. The committee is also expected to look at the need

to avoid time-consuming amendments to legislation by publishing draft laws before debate. The Commons timetable is also expected to change.

Business managers think the summer recess is too long and MPs should be allowed a week off at some other time.

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Ann Widdecombe at Westminster yesterday: she denied that her statement on Mr Howard was driven by pique

Widdecombe to go ahead with Commons attack on Howard

ANN WIDDECOMBE has appealed to the Speaker to allow her to make a personal statement criticising the Tory party leadership contender Michael Howard on the floor of the Commons. She ignored a plea from Peter Lilley, who she is supporting in the leadership

contest, to stay silent.

A personal statement, which would revive memories of Sir Geoffrey Howe's personal statement in November 1990 which triggered the downfall of Margaret Thatcher, could damage Mr Howard badly. Aides of the former Home Secretary spent yesterday fighting to stop the threatened disclosures from his former deputy, about his dismissal of They portrayed the 46-year-old former Derek Lewis the director-general of the "Health Secretary as the family candidate.

Charles Wardle, another former ministerial colleague, confirmed yesterday that he was seeking to raise in the Commons a report by the Department of Trade and Industry into the takeover of the House of Fraser by Mohamed Al Fayed. A debate before the leadership contest could cause further harm for Mr Howard.

Miss Widdecombe last night denied that she was motivated by personal pique. "I have psyched myself up to do this for 18 months. I have agonised over it. Of course it is not pique," she said.

It emerged yesterday that Mr Lilley had asked Miss Widdecombe not to wage a public campaign against Mr Howard. Mr Lilley's supporters fear it could trigger a backlash against them. But Miss Widdecombe said: "I reached my decision to speak out before Peter Lilley put himself forward. It is nothing to do

As the bookmakers continued to make William Hague the favourite, friends of Stephen-Dorrell toughened up their rhetoric against the young pretender. prison service, from engulting his. By contrast they pointed to the inexperience of William Hague, 36.

Asked the biggest difference between the two contenders, a friend said that Mr Dorrell, who has three children, had more ministerial and business experience. He added: "He is ten years older. He has a family. That makes him a more rounded individual than William. William has a great future under whoever

pick up support from Mr Howard in the fallout from the intervention of Miss Widdecombe who could speak for up to ten minutes without interruption in a packed chamber.

She decided a personal statement was the most effective means of communicaling her grave doubts about Mr Howard's handling of a number of issues such as the dismissal of Mr Lewis. "It could finish Michael Howard," one Tory MP said last night.
Friends of Miss Widdecombe said that

she feared a letter to John Major, which was her original plan, would not be so succinct. A speech misCommonsor

Mr Howard supporters said he was relaxed about the attacks. They realize Michael is a very strong candidate with needs to be stopped. People recognise that he is at the front of the pack," one supporter said.

Mr Howard sought yesterday to cast himself as the successor to the Thatcher legacy. In an article for an Internet news service he rejected the depiction of Thatcherism as a selfish ideology.

Protesters celebrate demise of road plan

claiming victory last night after a council decided to scrap a road-widening scheme because of a lack of government funding. Protesters emerged from their from treehouses to celebrate at Stringers Common in

Surrey. There was a carnival atmo-There was a carnival anno-sphere at the woodland site on the A320 between Guildford and Woking when the 50 green protesters learnt that Surrey County Council had aligndoned the ten-year project, which has cost tens of thousands of notings housands of pounds.

Vouchers to go

nors Jonten

The Welsh Office said that nursery vouchers would be scrapped for state schools in Wales from September and for private nurseries after next spring term. The money from state school vouchers will go directly to local au-thorities, the Welsh Office is to consult over its plans for private nurseries. An annonnement about the phas-ing out of vouchers in England is expected in June.

Marksmen miss

More than half the shots fired by police marksmen at armed suspects miss, according to a confidential Home Office report. Many officers failed to hit their targets even when they were less than ten metres away. In one case the suspect escaped unscathed and has never been found. The Home Office is now urging chief constables to modernise their firearms training.

Lightning death

A man died and his girfriend was badly burnt after they were struck by lightning while walking along a cliff top at Famborough Head on the Yorkshire coast. Stuart Thherson, 22, from Leeds was killed instantly. Julia Wright, 24. also from Leeds, managed to reach a car park to treated for burns in hospital. where she was said to be 'comiortable''.

Soccer defence

The world football authority Fifa and a travelling Scot-land fan were given until June 13 to clarify their positions in a case over Scotland's aborted match in Estonia last October. Gerald Brady, 41, from Glasgow, is claiming £750 at Paisley Sheriff Court, saying that Fifa had a duty to ensure Estonia that turned up. Fifa, based in Switzer-land, says that the Scottish court has no jurisdiction.

Silence test case

A couple are lodging with the European Commiss Human Rights the first legal challenge to Britain's laws curbing a suspect's right to si-lence. William and Karen Condron, convicted of dealing in heroin by Kingston up on Thames Crown Court in November 1995, declined to answer questions. The judge said the jury was entitled to draw adverse inferences.

Nepalese can stay

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, has decided to accept a recommendation by the Im-migration Appeals Tribunal that Jayaram Khadka, 20. who was adopted seven years ago by Richard Morley, a businessman who lives at-Clearwell Castle in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire, should not be deported to Nepai, the Home Office said

Mandela invites Sinn Fein to join conflict talks for Ulster parties

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

NELSON MANDELA's gov-ernment has invited Uister political parties, including Sinn Fein, to a conference on resolving conflict. The British and Irish governments have welcomed the initiative, though they will leave attendance to party leaders rather than government officials.

The South African Government, with the approval of President Mandela, will hold a four-day conference in a remote part of the Western Cape at the end of the month. The South Africans hope that the distance from Ulster will create a relaxed environment where the opposing factions will feel more at liberty to discuss the Northern Irish problem.

The Ministry for Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development extended invitations to the Ulster Unionist Party, the SDLP, the Demo-

eratic Unionist Party, Sinn Fein and the Alliance Party. The meeting was intended to

The SDLP and the Alliance Party yesterday indicated that they would send a delegation. although unsure if the party leaders. John Hume and Lord Alderdice, would attend. The Ulster Unionist Party said it would decide when they knew whether Sinn Fein was going. Sinn Fein has not

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the DUP, told RTE radio: "There will be no discussions as far as I am concerned in South Africa or anywhere else. and we will not have any part or lot in that." But his son. Ian. and other party members will attend in a personal capacity. Mr Paisley senior said that

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shoulders with Sinn Fein he would attend only if his delegation were separated from Sinn Fein members, as



Paisley: refused to rub

during the 1995 Washington conference on American investment in Northern Ireland. South African embassy sources said it would be difficult to separate the parties as the conference will be held in one venue in Amiston, a ment-owned De Hoop reserve.

One source close to the conference organisation said: The idea is to fly people out there and let them listen to what the South Africans have to say about their peace process. There will be no handson mediation by the South Africans but they will be keen to do whatever they can to get the parties together. It will be up to the Northern Irish parties to take it further."

The conference, which begins on May 29, is the idea of Padraig O'Malley, an Irish-American academic based at the Centre for Democracy and Development at the Massahusens University, Boston. He has wrinen books on the

forthern Irish conflict. The South Africans held an introductory meeting on conflict resolution for the parties in Northern Ireland two years ago. Sinn Fein did not attend on that occasion.

Security alert over Cabinet list mislaid at rail station

By Stewart Tendler and James Landale

officials were yesterday investigating the discovery of a list for the Prime Minister and most of the Cabinet in a London railway station.

A sheet of paper headed Private and Confidential was found by an unemployed man at Euston after he went into the concourse to telephone a friend. It was in a brown envelope, beneath an Irish newspaper left on a public telephone. The A4 sheet listed home

numbers for Tony Blair, 15 of his Cabinet colleagues and three junior ministers. The list was incomplete and did not include the numbers of six Cabinet ministers. Above the numbers were the words: "Update following nos. ASAP & return to file immediately. DO NOT REMOVE FROM OF-FICE." There was no indica-

POLICE and Labour Party tion last night of the source but the numbers appeared to be genuine, although some were

Downing Street officials and Labour spokesmen refused to comment on the discovery or to say whether the numbers would be be changed, One said: "We do not discuss security matters."

The apparent security breach is the first to hit the new Labour administration and will impress upon many new ministers the difference between opposition and Gov-ernment, Several are getting used to police protection for the first time.

While in opposition, Labour MPs and shadow ministers were quite open with their contact numbers, especially with the media. Most were available through the party's Press Directory. However, some of the home numbers on

the list - including Mr Blair's Islington home - are kept

The list was found by Jim Taylor, 33, from Tottenham, north London. He first contacted a news agency reporter with whom he was acquaint-ed. After allowing the agency to take a copy of the list he handed the document to British Transport Police at

Euston. They passed it on to Labour Party headquarters. Mr Taylor said: "I realised the newspaper it had been under was an Irish one with a green logo. I kept thinking that some terrorist had left it there by mistake and was probably looking around the phone for it. I had visions of what he would do to me if he caught up with me. I felt absolutely terrified.

Police are understood to be studying closed-circuit TV footage of the station.

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Bank's 'token black' was fired after complaining



James Curry: in 1993 he

A HIGH-EARNING merchant banker wept yesterday as he said that he was hired - and then fired for being black. James Curry, a Harvard graduate, said he was a token black face" but was disafter complaining of

Mr Curry, 43, an American, told an industrial tribunal that all had gone well at first when he joined Goldman Sachs as a services salesman from another bank in 1990. His first-year salary of £240,000 rise to about £660,000 in

1992 and £800,000 in 1993. The following year it slumped to £270,000. He complained and was awarded a further £65,000 but was sacked in January last year for alleged "deteriorating perfor-mance" after complaining to partners about racism.

Mr Curry, of Cricklewood, north London, is claiming unfair dismissal and racial discrimination at Stratford, east London. He said that he had received some glowing reports - including one describing him as "a clean player of the absolutely highest calibre" — but that his manager Bruce Young made racial comments to him.

One one occasion he was told that a colleague would be more suitable for certain work because "he talks and looks more like the people who would be coming from

remember those words as they were so offensive. I didn't know what the comment meant, but it said I would not be able to cover the account as I didn't talk like the customers. When he said I didn't look like the customers. I was in

He said he thought his colour had nothing to do with business: "I thought he was crazy for actually saying that to my face." When he asked about taking over another position in London, Mr Young allegedly told him they that would rather have "a UK man".

Mr Curry says that he was employed by Goldman Sachs as a token black, and that Mr Young

told him that he was not "paid to produce". He said: "There is a concern in American financial institutions to be seen to be employing black people. At that time his meaning was clear 1 was being paid, he suggested, for being

In 1994, he was moved to another desk, under a female maanger. Mr Curry said she suggested a task that would be a "great opportunity for me to dispel the notion that I

This comment, he said, had racial overtones: "Being called lazy by someone who kept accounts away from me had all the elements of someone tying my hands behind

like a rat trapped in a box." After working on a complicated

account for two months, which resulted in a £230 million transaction for the company, he was given about £460,000 commission, only 17 per of that to which he was entitled, he said. It is alleged that when he gained lucrative accounts for the company, he would be moved off them

Monica Carss-Frisk, for Mr Curtold the tribunal: "Goldman chs is a very large international financial institution which is unique in one aspect - equity partnership.

That means that the rewards

opportunity of partnership because of racial discrimination.

We say that he was discriminated against because of his racial origins. There was a continuing practice of denying him access to promotion, denying him opportunities to manage particular imporiant customer accounts in circumstances where the customers had asked that he do so, and disproportionately reducing his remuneration.7

Since leaving the firm, he has worked for Merrill Lynch as joint head of the UK desk, on a starting salary of about £560,000.

The hearing continues and is expected to last ten days.

Judge 'fell into a sequence of errors' after women failed to pronounce verdict

Jurors jailed for contempt are cleared on appeal

TWO women jurors jailed for contempt of court for refusing to reach a verdict were cleared yesterday by the Court of Appeal, which criticised the trial judge for a succession of Lord Justice Rose said that

Judge Cooray, who jailed Bonnie Schot, 20, the jury foreman, and Carol Barclay. 32, for 30 days at Knightsbridge Crown Court had "fallen into a sequence of errors". The appeal court quashed

the contempt of court convictions which caused an uproar in March when the two women were jailed. They were freed on bail, pending appeal. after spending 24 hours in Holloway prison.

Lord Justice Rose, said Judge Cooray should not have presided at the contempt case particularly because of the bias and anger he had shown at an earlier hearing. He should have handed the case to another Crown Court judge or referred the matter to the Attorney-General.

Lord Justice Rose said that the jury was the "cornerstone. of democracy" even if jury irksome and require unpalatable decisions. He said that Judge Cooray himself had breached the Contempt of Court Act 1981 and a long established principle by inquiring into what had happened in the secrecy of the jury

The two women were the first jurors believed to have been sent to prison for failing to reach a verdict since the 17th century. The jailing happened after the jury had retired to consider its verdicts against five defendants at the end of a

counterfeit currency case. The jury sent a note to Judge Cooray in which they said: Your Honour, we are unable to come to any decisions owing to some jurors' conscious beBy Michael Horsnell

liefs. Please advise." The judge asked them to return to court where he asked the foreman to explain the note. In a second note he was told that some members could not bring themselves to make a "true judgment due to our beliefs, not religious but personal.

"At the beginning of the trial before we took the oath we felt that we could not stand up in court and stress this fact. We thought that our feelings may change over time. After retir-ing we have found that we still feel the same and cannot give a true verdict to these defendants."

The judge then demanded to know the names of the jurors who could not reach a verdict, discharged the jury and ordered a retrial, saying that the two women should return to court to face a contempt hearing. After they were re-



Schot: starting a law course at university

leased on bail Judge Cooray stood by his decision saying that jurors had to recognise their responsibilities to the criminal justice system.

Lord Justice Rose said it was doubtful that the judge should have sought written clarification of the initial note handed to him by the jury. He certainly ought not to have asked for the names of the jurors concerned. And he should not have stopped the trial without hearing submis-sions from counsel. He could have discharged only the two iurors concerned.

The women said after the hearing yesterday that they were alraid Lord Justice Rose. sitting with Mr Justice Forbes and Mr Justice Keene, would uphold their convictions and send them back to prison. Miss Barclay, a nursery

nurse from Shepherds Bush, west London, who claimed she had felt unable to judge other people, said after the hearing: "I was wrongly charged, wrongly tried and wrongly sentenced. Especially serious was the judge's locking me up without any warning which the Court of Appeal said was without any legal principle."

Miss Schot, from Clapham, south London, who is to study law at Guildhall University in October, said: "I am extremely relieved the matter has come to an end and I can set myself the task now of just continuing my studies. The Court of Appeal has

pointed out the many errors made by the judge. It was always my intention to try the case according to the evidence. I set myself that task but I found it very difficult." Earlier John Perry, QC, for Miss Schot, said that the trial

judge had been guilty of piercing the veil of the secrecy the jury room" which should never be lifted. Stephen Solley, QC, for



Carole Barkley and her mother, Lola, leaving the High Court after their appeal victory yesterday

that "from a minor, almost routine episode, a series of errors have laid laver upon layer of an unnecessary difficulty culminating in this hearing". He said that the case sent shock waves to potential jurors who might fear imprisonment if they had not declared in advance any personal concerns and personal conscience

Miss Barclay, told the court to the court. The judicial system was on a "slippery slope" in which overbearing jurors might use the threat of exposure against a weak or

silent juror as a weapon to

secure agreement. Juries had the right not to agree and not to convict regardless of the state of evidence. He said that if the contempt were upheld it

would amount to a first step towards the interrogation of

jurors "US style". In its judgment the Court of Appeal said: "We sympathise with the judge in having to deal with a very unusual situation." But he had fallen into a "sequence of errors". service could involve difficult challenges to the

mind and emotions, but with-

out it "civilised society as we know it would not survive". Judge Cooray will automatically be sent a copy of the

criticisms of the Appeal Court

but will not be given an opportunity to reply to it.

spokeswoman for the Lord Chancellor's department said there was no structure in place for Judge Cooray to discuss the remarks.

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By A STAFF REPORTER

A LONDON bus driver shouted abuse at a cyclist who had overtaken him before running him down and killing him, a jury was told yesterday.

David Stokes, QC. a Crown Court recorder who was a passenger on the bus, told Knightsbridge Crown Court that he heard Walton Christie. the bus driver, swear at the cyclist moments before he was knocked down. He then heard the cyclist and his bicycle go under the wheels of the double-decker bus.

Anthony Leonard, for the prosecution, said that Russell Waldron, 35, a graphic designer from Forest Hill, southeast London, had overtaken Mr Christie, 54. The bus driver drew up behind Mr Waldron to "intimidate him".

Mr Leonard said during the evening rush-hour on May 7 last year Christie was driving a 171a double-decker over Waterloo Bridge towards the railway terminus. "As he was about to pass the National Theatre he saw a bicyle in front of him ridden by Russell Waldron, who was an experienced cyclist. Some passengers heard the defendant say something to the effect of 'bloody wanker' directed towards the cyclist." He said the bus collided with the rear wheel of the bicycle. "That caused Mr Waldron to topple from his bike into the path of the bus." Mr Waldron and his bike then went under the bus. Mr Waldron had overtaken the bus and then took his hands off the handlebar for a

time. It was then, Mr Leonard said, that the driver uttered abuse but decided not to brake, even though the distance between bicycle and bus was narrowing.

"He was deliberately getting closer in order to intimidate

the cyclist who had overtaken him on the outside and was now on his way in front of the bus," he said. After the collision Mr Chrisrie radioed for an ambulance

but it was too late to save Mr Waldron. Mr Christie told police that

he had applied the brakes when Mr Waldron overtook him. He said the cyclist had moved to the side of the bus before he heard a "crunch" as he went under the rear wheels. In police interviews he denied he had tried to intimidate Mr Waldron by moving closer to

Mr Stokes, from Putney, west London, said he was sitting directly behind the driver. "I saw the cyclist, he was in the middle of the road. Just before the impact the bus broke but not before that time. The cyclist went under the wheels of the bus, both wheels, because you could feel both sets of wheels going over him." Mr Christie, from Enfield, denies causing death by dangerous driving. The trial continues.

For sale: 77 Bronze Age boulders; magical atmosphere

PRIVATE buyers and museums were yesterday invited to bid for the Rollright Stones, which are believed to date from the Bronze Age.

The stones sit on one of the highest points of the Cotswolds. Their owner, Pauline Flick, said: "I have put them on the open market to see what they will fetch. They are as beautiful as any historical monument in Britain.

Mrs Flick inherited the stones from her father, who bought them in 1929, the last time they came on the market. She has always refused to put up a signpost because she does not want to attract coachloads of tourists. She hopes that the 77 unhewn boulders near Chipping

Norton in Oxfordshire will fetch up to £55,000, but says they are

English Heritage was last night considering whether to make a bid, although experts said Mrs Flick was asking too much for the stones, known as the King's Men. Local mythology has it that a witch tempted an ambitious king to take seven steps to prove himself as king and that, as he advanced towards her, she turned him to stone. A similar fate is said to have befallen his circle of soldiers and five treacherous knights.

A spokesman for English Heritage said: Whoever buys them cannot touch the stones. They are also obliged to adequately care for the stones which are not in the most accessible spot for tourists.

We are in discussion with Mrs Flick and hope we can come to an agreement to protect what is a marvellous monument, if not quite Stonehenge Mark II."

Last night Mrs Flick said: "I have been looking after them for 27 years - I think that is long enough. I have other things to get on with. My father bought them as part of the Rollright estate. The estate was sold during the war but he kept the stones. I want to hand them over to someone who will look after them but not commercialise them." Mrs Flick, who lives in the

nearby village of Little Rollright, has been charging 30p for adults and 20p for children to enter the beauty spot, where plays are staged and weddings held during the summer. The proceeds go to chari-

ty. Stonehenge charges £3.70 for Martin Palmer, director of the Sacred Land Project, said that the Rollright site was "among the top

ten of standing-stone sites" Mrs Flick's agent, Martin Elliott. pects museums, castles and English Heritage - which provides a management grant to the site - to bid for the stones. He said that the sale should be finalised by August. English Heritage said: "It's not the sort of site you can charge a lot to enter but it should be preserved. Like Stonehenge, the experts have no idea why it was built. This is part of the magic and the mystery as to

why they were put up. It is recorded in Anglo-Saxon chronicles as Hrolla Landriht — the land of the Saxon farmer Hrolla. In 1180, Rollright, was listed with Stonehenge as among 36 "Marvels

The 16th-century antiquarian Camden claimed that the Rollright Circle had been constructed by Rollo the Dane. John Aubrey, a 17th-century antiquarian, concluded that Rollright was a Druid Temple. Aubrey's friend Ralph

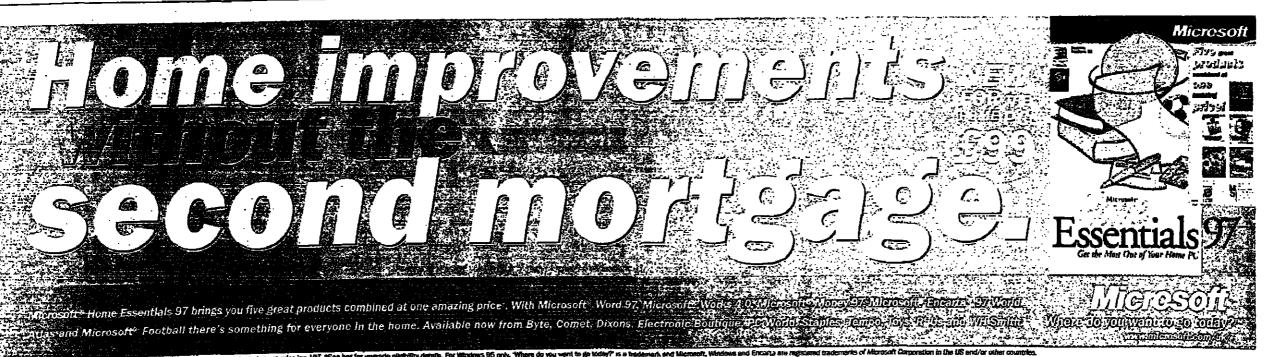
Sheldon carried out the only recorded excavation of the site, but uncovered nothing.

Archaeologists are convinced that the Rollright Stones and other circles are considerably older than the Druids and a Bronze Age date of between 1500 and 2000 BC is more likely.

Local legend claims that it is impossible to count the stones because you can never tell which one you started with.

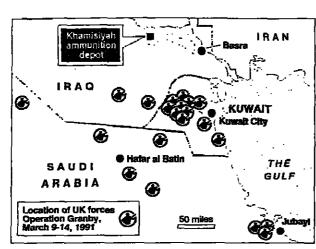
Mr Elliott accepts that, even by the standards of estate agents hyperbole, the sale of the Rollright Stones will take some beating.

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Ex-soldiers insist military chiefs lied over Gulf War chemical blitz

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By Stephen Farrell

GULF WAR veterans have renewed claims that they were exposed to sarin, mustard gas and other nerve agents. They accuse the Defence Ministry and the Pentagon of covering up a chemical attack by President Saddam Hussein on Allied forces at Al-Jubayl, on the Saudi coast, shortly before the start of the air war.

Former British and American soldiers claim in a Channel 4 Dispatches programme to be screened this week that many of the 750,000 troops were exposed to low levels of nerve agents created by fallout clouds when Allied bombers destroyed (raqi

weapon dumps. Several veterans say that chemical-weapon detectors sounded the alarm after two explosions in the air at Al Jubayl on January 19, 1991. Troops were ordered into protective suits. They later reported a fine mist descending on hunkers that caused burning

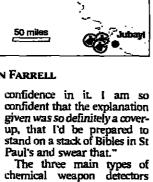
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tingling in the arms and fingers, all symptoms of expo-

They were told the alarms had been triggered by sonic booms and fuel jettisoned from aircraft on bombing missions into Iragi-occupied Kuwait, and that they should ignore them.

Paul Grant, 50, a former company sergeant major in charge of a Royal Army Ordnance Corps team of specialists at Al Jubayl, said: "All the alarms in the whole camp went off. Then the sirens started and then the American verbal announcement - they had loudspeakers on big boles all over the place - almost in a panic, this guy was saying words to the effect of This is the real thing. Take cover, take

Mr Grant dismissed MoD explanations that the alerts were caused by malfunctions. "We knew the equipment was not faulty, we knew that it was tested to extreme measures, and we had every faith and



chemical weapon detectors used by British forces in the Gulf War were the ground-based Naiad, the hand-held Cam and the Residual Vapour Detector Kit.

The Naiad - Nerve Agent Immobilised Enzyme Alarm and Detector — monitors the atmosphere and gives audible or visual warnings of nerve agents in vapour or aerosol forms. The military manual Jane's says the sytem has a low false-alarm rate.

Cam - Chemical Monitor - is a 1.5kg handheld kit used by the United mustard gas in the 1980s Iran-Iraq war. The tests were verified by independent laboratories and Cam is used by 28 countries.

The Residual Vapour Detector Kit is issued to squad leaders to detect mustard gas or nerve agents after an attack. A small hand pump draws air over a chemicalsensitive disc.

Richard Turnbull, 45, a former senior electrician with an RAF nuclear, biological and chemical warfare cell, told Dispatches that Naiads sounded the alarm at Dhahran, near Al Jubayl, in January 1991. His unit confirmed the findings with Cams and 33 pieces of equipment, three different types, all told us the same thing," said Mr Turnbull He suffers from emphysema, asthma, angina and chronic fatigue.

The Defence Ministry denied the claims yesterday. A spokeswoman for the Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Unit said: "We still do not believe that chemical agents were used in the area of battle at all. Naiad and Cam detectors did go off at various times but they were followed up at the time and were judged to be false position."







Minister promises fresh start in effort to uncover the truth

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent 5.77

JOHN REID, the Armed Forces Minister, has stepped in quickly to reinforce the Government's determination solve the mystery of the Gulf War illnesses affecting more than 1,200 veterans of the 1991 conflict.

However, the language he used in a series of interviews vesterday underlined the difficult challenge the Labour Government has inherited from the Conservatives. He could not promise immediate

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compensation, he admitted that the research would take several years and he confirmed that there was no evidence to suggest that a unique illness existed, although some veterans were

clearly ill.

Dr Reid's approach, how-ever, was to inject the idea of a fresh start" and to promise that resources would be found to pay for whatever research was needed. He said the attitude of the previous Government had been "deplorable" but underlined his support for the £1.32 million epidemiological study announced in December last year by Nicholas Soames, then Armed Forces Minister. That alone would reveal whether there was an excess of ill health among Gulf

veterans. Dr Reid's aides said. His main initiative, the promise of additional research nto the possible damaging combination of multiple vaccines and unti-nerve gas tab-lets to counter Iraqi chemical and biological warfare, will be an internal MoD project.

At the behest of the MoD,

the Medical Research Council is supervising the other reofficial at the council cast doubt yesterday on the scientific value of Dr Reid's new research proposal.

The official said that even if it could be shown that some soldiers suffered side-effects from the combination of drugs, that would not be scientifically conclusive and could be "a waste of money". The Medical Research Council received more than 30

proposals for research into Gulf War illnesses, some of MINISTRY

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which, it is understood, would have focused on the combination of drugs received by the veterans. However, the council recommended only two projects: a study of ill health among veterans by Nicola Cherry of Manchester University, and a study of the reproductive health of Gulf War veterans and the health of their children by Patrician Doyle at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Another epidemiological study, funded by the United

being carried out by King's College London.

Dr Reid said yesterday: "We cannot promise instant or indeed definitive solutions to this difficult problem, but we wanted to make it clear at an early stage that this issue is a priority for the new Government. He has told the MaD that he wants a full explanation of the scientific basis on which chemical and biological counter-measures were used in the Gulf, and the way the vaccination programme was handled in the field.

He said he was appalled that more than 300 Gulf War veterans were still waiting to be examined under the ministry's medical assessment programme. "We will accelerate

the assessment programme." Darren Lauder, of the Gulf War Veterans Association, a 28-year-old former Royal Engineer who served in the Gulf. said: "We can't raise too many hopes with this new initiative although it's a step in the right direction. The trouble is this time: what we want is to get the proper medical treatment and to go back to leading normal lives again."

States Defence Department, is Cover-up charges forced Clinton to take the lead

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON the stress of combat, the Presi-

dent's committee concluded.

sharply criticised the Penta-

gon for failing adequately to examine potential links be-

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sonous gases. There are also

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given to troops to counter the

The Pentagon has belatedly

admitted that American

troops could have been ex-

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when engineers blew up the

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southern Iraq in March 1991.

The CIA had warned of pos-

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site but the information was

apparently never passed on to

The Pentagon had previous-

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effects of nerve gas.

However, the committee

CHARGES of foot-dragging and cover-up have led to big changes in the American Government's approach to investigating "Gulf War syndrome" recent months.

President Clinton took the lead by appointing an independent advisory committee. with wide powers, that reports directly to him. After its first report, he extended the committee's life to conduct further investigations throughout this

He has also prolonged the deadline for Gulf War veterans to claim disability until 2001. The limit had been two years after their service in the war zone. At least 5,000 veterans whose earlier claims were rejected have been encouraged

Yet, despite the upsurge of activity. little evidence has been found to establish that exposure to chemical weapons or pollutants was the cause of the syndrome. If a single ailment contributed to the veterans' illnesses it was probably learnt that poisonous gases might have been at the site only after its destruction. The changed story confirmed the view of the American Legion and other veterans' groups of a widespread cover-up. So did the Pentagon's admission in February that 80 per cent of US military logs recording the detection of chemical weapons during the Gulf War had been

The President's advisory committee on Gulf War illnesses was formed in May 1995 with an annual budget of \$2.5 million (£1.54 million). Its full report was made public on January 7 this year when Mr Clinton extended the committee's life until at least next

October. The United States Department of Veterans' Affairs first became concerned about the health effects of the Gulf War environment while hostilities were still going on because of the smoke from oil fires and concerns about Irag's capacity.

Gulf War syndrome will be one of the most controversial issues facing the Ministry of Defence and its new ministers for at least the next three years. Despite initial scepticism among senior officials and ministers at the MoD in the earliest stages of the investigation, the number of veterans suffering from illnesses increased and a pattern began to emerge which the Government could not easily

Scientifically, these questions cannot be answered until it can be proved that those men and women who served in the Gulf War suffered a disproportionate level of illnesses, whether it be cancer, chronic farigue or memory loss, when compared with their peers who did not go to the Gulf. An epidemiological study has been launched, under the supervision of the Medical Research Council, which will take

The 1,200 veterans currently ill are suffering from a range of common complaints, such as joint pains, headaches, skin rashes, breathlessness, memory loss and chronic fatigue. Some acute cases can be linked to combat stress, including post-traumatic stress disorder, a clinical illness found among returning soldiers. But many who are ill did not take part in

Did Saddam Hussein launch a chemical or biological attack which has been covered up by the West?

In numerous statements, ministers have denied that there were any such attacks. The Americans warned the Iraqi leader before the campaign began in January 1991 that, if he resorted to chemical or biological warlare, the retaliation would be in kind and devastating. Intelligence evidence indicated that he was ready to launch chemical artillery shells and had stockpiled anthrax, plague and bottlinum

None of the Scud missile attacks involved non-conventional warheads and, although there were some reports that chemical artillery shells were found in Iraqi trenches, all the evidence showed that Saddam took the American warning

The CIA belatedly admitted that American bombing of an Iraqi chemical weapons depot — Bunker 73 — at Khamisiyah, west of Basra, may have created a cloud of poisonous gases. affecting American soldiers in the area. However, the nearest British soldiers were judged to have been too far away to be

Could the combination of vaccines and anti-nerve ga

tablets given to soldiers to counter the threat of chemical and biological attack have created long-term ill effects? Before he retired earlier this year, Vice-Admiral Tony Revell, the Surgeon-General, admitted that, if there was a single cause for the Gulf War illnesses, the mixture of vaccines and tablets could have been to blame. French soldiers were given some vaccines but not the anti-nerve tablets (Naps), and none of them is suffering from the same Gulf War illnesses as British and American soldiers.

This is an area where the MoD is on vulnerable ground, because Porton Down, the chemical defence establishment, had not carried out research into the possible effects of giving soldiers a combination of injections and tablets over a short period. Some soldiers said they were given nine inoculations in one day. Soldiers given anthrax injections also had pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine because research showed t enhanced the effectiveness of the anthrax vaccine. Thousands of American Gulf War veterans are also suffering from similar illnesses, but were not vaccinated against plague.

Could the spraying of organophosphate pesticides be the

cause of the illnesses? This possibility arose as an official clue in the investigation only after ministers stopped being deceived by MoD officials and were informed that toxic pesticides had been used. Until then, the veterans had blamed everything from the vaccines to oil-well fires and chemical warfare.

Was the deception of ministers an MoD cover-up? Incompetence seems more likely.

Can it be proved that the veterans now on the sick list suffered from one or other of the possible causes of the Gulf War illnesses?

Unfortunately, many vaccine records were lost in the war, And, in the early stages; some people who had not even been to the Gulf claimed to be suffering from Gulf War syndrome.

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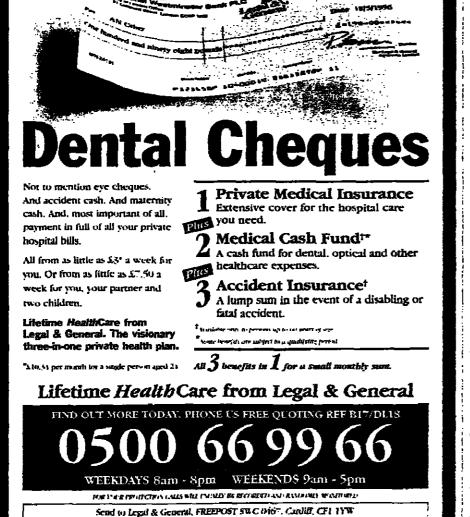
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Today's young comedians are a joke, says Connolly

Director defends

necrophilia tale

BULLY CONNOLLY lamented just crude: "I'm getting very poor standards among the bored with Tampax jokes. It latest generation of young used to be so avant-garde. The blamed television for snap-ping up individuals and devoting entire series to them when

The Glaswegian comedian, ged 54, is at the Cannes Film Festival for the premiere of Mrs Brown, in which he plays Queen Victoria's comforting servant John Brown.

He said that television was "cloning" young comics, who sounded indistinguishable from one another. This was because the same pool of writers had to help them to pad out their television series when they had insufficient material of their own. The former shipworker said

that fledgling comics needed clubs of inverness, Manchester and "file wee towns". They should learn the hard way why a show was brilliant in Bolton one night and failed miserably in Barnsley the next Television could never give them that, he said.

Mayall and Harry Hill as "real" comedians, he did not identify those who did not make him laugh.

He went on to say that "crude" swearing had become a problem among television comedians. Although he is frequently labelled foulmouthed himself, Connolly uses swear words to punctuate

poetry's disappeared."

He noted, too, how "we're going backwards to doublethey "bave only been going a comics who say: 'I'll say this and you say that - improvisers who can't improvise". To stretch material over a series, such comics relied on writers: "And because the others do too, they each sound like

> Connolly has never used writers. He never puts down anything on paper - "the old stuff just falls off the end". As a

> > THE woman director of a

missed accusations that the

Lynne Stopkewich's Kissed is featured in the

main festival, although the showbusiness journal Va-

riety said: "Selling a film

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some unique challenges."

Its reviewer said that the

film was nevertheless a

poetic, provocative love.

Asked whether she ex-

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natural comic with a sense of the ridiculous, he does not

Now, however, life as an actor beckons. His performance in John Madden's Mrs Brown is one of the festival talking-points. One critic suggested an Oscar nomination; another described his perfor-

mance as "superlative".

He stars with Dame Judi Deuch, who plays Oueen Victoria, while he plays her lowborn hunting guide and servant John Brown, a Scot with whose irreverence he

Crash - the film by fellow

Croncaberg about sexual

stimulation derived from

car crashes — she said: "I

hope it is as controversial

and popular as Crash.

Being compared to

Cronenberg is a wonderful

She said that if the main

character had been a man

rather than a woman, she

would not have made the

film: "It is about more than

sexual choice. The film is

and relationships. It is

difficult to put myself in the

Canadian

compliment.

felt close and who brought her out of herself after the death of her beloved husband and mentor Prince Albert. It was a passionate but apparently platonic friendship that, in an age of social repression, scandalised the nation. In 1864, The Times attacked the Queen for her failure to take any part in public life.

the Queen's confidant, the

only character to whom she

Connolly said yesterday: "Brown's a huge hero in Scotland because everyone thinks he slept with the Queen. I don't think he did. It was much nicer and better than that. He respected royalty and never dreamt of crossing the line."
In the early 1860s, the

Queen's popularity had so Parliament to abolish the Monarchy. Commenting on parallels with today, Connolly said: "I'm not for or against. They're kind of redundant. The trouble isn't the Queen or the royal family or who they marry. It's the pyramid underneath. Prince so-and-so and the Earl of such-and-such. Who are these toffs?"

Connolly always looks as if he is about to burst into hysterical laughter. Asked how he kept a straight face during filming, he said: "I didn't." They had endless fits of giggles, particularly over a horse with stomach problems: "Judi could hold on better than me. My face was



pected her debut feature to be as controversial as observational humour. The straight, but my legs were laughing." Billy Connolly in Cannes: he plays John Brown in a film about Queen Victoria Novice earns a blessing from author of wayward monk's story



22-YEAR-OLD British director straight from film school so impressed the writer Piers Paul Read with a screenplay based on one of his novels that Read allowed him to

adapt it for the big screen.

Tom Waller's film, Monk Dawson, is being shown at the festival, where distributors in several countries have already snapped it up.
Waller, who wrote, directed and

produced it on a shoestring, graduat-ed in film editing from the Northern Film School in Leeds in 1995. Despite being unable to pay his actors more than £74 a day, he managed to cast and Paula Hamilton, the international model who has worked for several top-flight designers and who acted with Elizabeth Hurley in Mad Dogs and Englishmen.

Monk Dawson is inspired by Read's story of "a Benedictine monk's journey from godliness to worldliness". Read, a Roman Catholic, said yesterday: "Tom is going places. He's not only a talented film-maker, but he has enormous confidence and

The film is being promoted at the festival by the New Producers Alli-

sents rising film-makers. Hamilton, who flew into Cannes yesterday, plays a character with whom a disgraced former monk falls in love. Her agent, Derek Webster, who also represents Lord Attenborough and John Thaw, was so taken with the script that after reading it he urged her to return immediately from a

Tuscan holiday. She spoke yesterday of the character she plays as "someone who does not take responsibility for her actions and who has no idea of the consequences". That, Hamilton said, was just as she was during her

that period was very much in her past. "It is ten years since my last drug and six since my last drink." These days, she uses her experience to help a charity devoted to the families of addicts.

Although Waller said that his attempt to contact Read was eased by the fact that they were both educated at Ampleforth College, the Roman Catholic public school in Yorkshire. the author recalled how he was struck by the strength of the script: "He seemed to see the point of the story." If he has any criticism, it is

that was "the biggest compliment" Read could have paid. She mentioned that a former Catholic priest had approached her after a screening. "He came out in tears and said it

really touched on the human soul." Commenting on the final product, Read said: "It's a very good film. technically proficient with good performances. I hope he gets distributors. Paula is very good. She's fine for the role." Other film adaptations of his books include Alive, from his best-selling account of the 1972 Andes air crash in which survivors ate the

Olympic gold diver stars in Aids film

AN OLYMPIC gold medallist who is HIV-positive is starring in a feature film about Aids. Greg Louganis, an American diver who disclosed that he had the virus after the 1988 Seoul Games, during which he hit his head on a diving hoard and bled into the pool, is appearing in Touch Me, "a 1990s love story" that is being shown at the festival. Two of the characters in the film die of Aids-related illnesses, mirroring the real loss of two of Louganis's close friends.

Louganis said: "It is a film about Aids that is very hopeful. It shows that HIV is not a death sentence. Most Aids stories are gloom and doom. This runs the gamut of emo-tions. It is a love story that focuses on a relationship that is not just about sex. It is one of the few stories about HIV and Aids that has a hopeful ending."

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in the film, directed by H. Gardon Boo, who worked on Godfather III and Platoon. Louganis plays a man whose lover has Aids and is on his deathbed. He contacts a woman with whom that friend also had an affair when they were students. He urges her to have a test for HIV and she discovers that she has the

Asked whether his own experience brought to the film, Louganis said: "I don't know if it makes it more poignant or not." But he emphasised that he was not cast "for my HIV status".

He felt the film had an educational message and expressed frustration that young people continued to ignore warnings about protecting themselves. In the late 1970s and early 1980s, he recalled. "we didn't know about safe sex. I thought I was safe as I was involved in a long-term relationship. I thought it was a monogamous relationship. Obviously it wasn't. But there is no blame. Not from me. It's not clear, though, if he gave it to me or whether it was my previous lover. Both have passed away from Aids-related illnesses.

Louganis, who has a degree in theatrical studies, no longer

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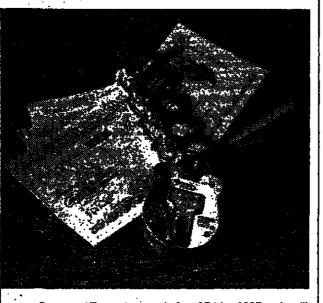
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Inquest fails to solve riddle of spy murders

THE murderer of the wife and three children of a British businessman who spied for the CIA in Lebanon may never be known after a coroner said yesterday that the matter was for others to pursue".

The family of Ian Spiro, 46, who assisted Terry Waite before his kidnap and was one of Colonel Oliver North's agents, claim that he, his British wife Gail, 42, and three children Sara, 16, Adam, 14, and Deana, II, were killed either by the CIA or assassins from the Middle East.

American police officers believe Mr Spiro shot his family dead at their rented home in San Diego before taking cyanide because his \$5 million (£3 million) debts had made him mentally un-

The inquest at Whitehaven in Cumbria yesterday was the first public examination of the deaths of Mrs Spiro and the children five years ago.

Mr Spiro's mother-in-law, Margery Brunskill, and his wife's half-brother. Kenneth Quarton, wrote to the coroner saying they belived Mr Spiro was silenced either by a CIA hitman or assassins sent by a Middle East faction because he knew too much. Mr Spiro had told them before his death that his life was in danger and that he had received disturbing telephone calls.

Eugene Douglas, who was US ambassador to Britain during the Reagan administration, told the inquest in written evidence that Mr Spiro was recruited by the ClA and possibly MI6 during the 1970s because of his extensive contacts among the Shia Muslim community in Lebanon. Mr Spiro's knowledge and friends in Beirut were thought to be useful at a time when the hostage crisis was deepening.

Shortly before his death, Mr Spiro telephoned Mr Douglas and told him that he had received a video of the interogation of the American hostage William Buckley by his captors. This he described

as his insurance policy.

Mr Douglas later refused Mr Spiro's plea to talk to the head of the CIA when it But after his death there was international concern that



Terry Waite, left, and Oliver North. Mr Spiro was said to have influential contacts in the Middle East

driven off in his white camper

van for a remote beauty spot

off Highway 22 in the Califor-

nian desert and had apparent-

ly taken sodium cyanide

documents believed to be at Mr Spiro's body was found his home could have "major implications in the Middle East". Mr Douglas said.

Mr Spiro was known by his associates simply as John Smith but was often referred to as James Bond because of his clipped English accent.

Mr Spiro had a number of meetings with Mr Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, giving him introduc-tions to leading members of the Shia Muslim community.

Mr Spiro's family claimed Mr Waite had endangered his life by revealing his work in the Lebanon to a BBC Panorama journalist. In a letter read to the court. Mr Waite said it never been his practice to reveal the names of those who assisted him in his hostage work and that he never spoke of Mr Spiro's contribution.

Mr Spiro and his family moved to a plush rented house in Sante Fe when his business as an international commodities broker was already collapsing. The bodies of Mrs Spiro and her children were found by family friends in their beds on November 5 1992. They had been shot twice each at close range with a .357 Smith & Wesson revolver which had been luaned to Mr Spiro by a lawyer friend, the sheriff's department found.

Blood on a bathrobe worn by Mr Spiro came from his ngest daughter Dina and his bloody fingerprint was found on the door to her room. "It is evident that Ian Spiro killed his family and then committed closed. Suspect deceased," the US police report concluded.

contained the rambling thoughts of a man, suggested clinical psychologist Dr Daniel O'Roarty, who was clearly unbalanced. He had bought a ouija board in a last attempt to buy his way out of his financial problems by calling on dark forces to tell him the number of the Californian

state lottery.
They concluded that Spiro killed his family when the banks, credit card companies and other debtors started pressing for repayment of ebts totailing \$5 million.

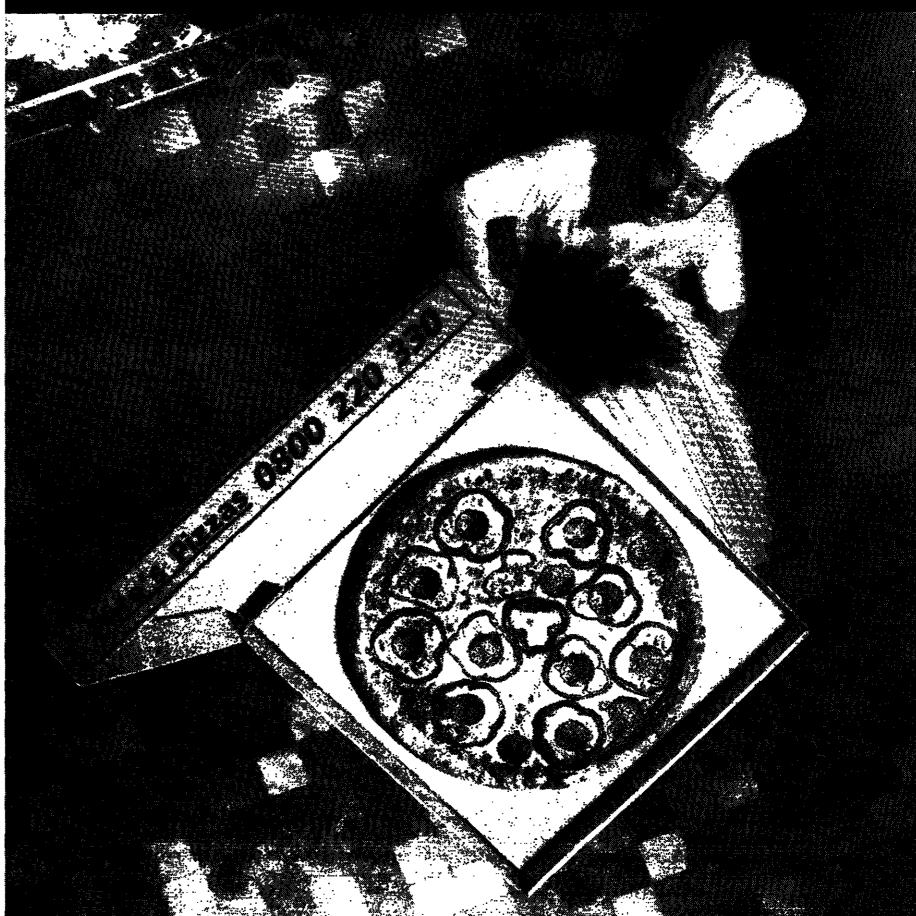
John Taylor, the coroner, recorded a formal verdict that Mrs Spiro and the children were unlawfully killed. But he refrained from recording a verdict about the dead man because his body was cremated in America, and therefore was not eligible for an inquest in this country.

None of the family were at The inquest heard that hik-ers found a briefcase and the hearing. They are understood to be pursuing further investigations into the deaths. suitcases containing two tapes



Mr Spiro with a woman believed to be his wife before she was found shot dead in their home in Santa Fe

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Divorced father 'killed rival after CSA seized pay'

A DIVORCED father of four who was being pursued by the Child Support Agency murdered his former wife's new husband in a frenzied knife attack when nearly half his monthly wages were seized for maintenance arrears, a court

was told yesterday.
Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, said that John Reid had earlier rung the agency to say he would kill William Pigg, husband of his former wife, Patricia, if the deductions were made. Mr Reid, 54, had also written to the agency saying: "You are being used. This situation has the potential to have a very tragic outcome."

Mr Pownall said the dispute over payments for the upkeep of their youngest daughter. now aged 10, had ended in tragedy when Mr Reid had confronted Mr Pigg at his home in west London. A doorstep argument had ended with Mr Reid stabbing Mr Pigg. a council administrator. ten times with a kitchen knife, he told the Old Bailey.

He said Mr Reid, a Heathrow airport worker from Hampton, west London, had shouted Die, you bastard. die as he struck his victim.

After the Reids had divorced, his former wife con-tacted the Child Support Agency in 1993, seeking maintenance for their youngest

daughter. There had been widespread and sustained criticism of the CSA", Mr Pownall said. but the agency's actions, "good, bad or indifferent" did not give Mr Reid an excuse for

CORRECTION

An editing error in the Scotland supplement of April 18 gave the impression that Lagavulin and Ardbeg distilleries on Islay were for sale. They are not, and we apolocise for the mistake.

murder. "His response to the deduction-of-earnings order was wholly unreasonable. He had decided on revenge." Mr Reid, who denies murder, was not acting in self-defence when he attacked Mr Pigg, 30, a much younger and bigger man, the jury was told. "He was in a temper and in a frenzy.

Mr Reid had been earning £23,000 working for a courier firm when he became aware of the maintenance claim. But. Mr Pownall said, it was perhaps no coincidence that within a month of receiving the demand from the agency he gave up his job and became a part-time packer, earning just over \$500 a month.

When he was almost £1,000 in arrears of maintenance, he had learnt that the CSA had deducted £206 from his wages. Mr Pownall said:"When he saw it, he told a colleague he did not believe what was happening to him and that the CSA were robbing him.

Patricia Reid became John Reid's second wife when they married in 1977 and had three children, a girl and two boys. Their youngest daughter, Stephanie, was born in the same year. Mr Pownall said: "It was not a happy marriage. He was very aggressive to-wards his wife."

The dead man, a former Terriorial Army soldier, could be forceful and had infuriated Mr Reid by having complaints against him upheld by the CSA ombudsman, Mr Reid. Mr Pownall said, had told an agency official he would kill Mr Pigg after being initially told that £13 a week would be deducted at source. He allegedly carried out his attack after being told to pay 5206 a

month from his £560 salary.

After the killing, Mr Reid had said in a statement to police: "I took the knife because I was afraid he might become violent. He is Army

trained. The case continues.

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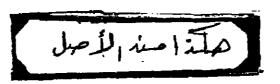
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Prue Leith urges schools to revive lost art of cookery

By David Charter, education correspondent

revive the dying art of "real exoking" among the TV dinner generation. Prue Leith. the food writer and restaurateur, will tell a conference today. In an attack on food technology in the national curriculum, Miss Leith will lament the decline of domestic science after a survey which showed half of 14-year-olds had never boiled an egg. She believes children as young as five should be taught how to bake bread or make pasta to counter the laziness of the ready-meals culture.

Miss Leith makes her call at the beginning of National School Meals Week, when school caterers will use sports stars to emphasise the importance of exercise and a balanced diet to children's health.

The author of Leith's Cookery Bible, who is chairman of the Royal Society of Arts. will argue at the society's Cookery Counts conference today that schools would benefit from



Leith: she said cookery made school bearable

finding time for cookery as well as basic literacy and

The first thing you have to do is make children like school if you are going to teach them anything," she said. "One way is to allow them to make something, which is fun and

also gives instant gratification. This goes beyond cooking -some of the things left out of the national curriculum were what made school bearable for some of us."

In her speech, she will say: Children no longer learn to cook at mother's knee. Mother's knee is out working.

"A food technology class these days is more likely to consist of designing a pizza topping on screen than making a pizza. I find the idea of children control to the idea of children control to the idea of children going home with a computer printout of a pizza topping profoundly depressing. Real cooking is satisfying, creative and teaches you a lot more than a useful skill. What's more, it's fun.

"What better way to interest primary school children in physics, chemistry, nutrition, maths, geography or social history? Or to encourage teamwork, problem solving and innovation?"

A spokeswoman for the School Curriculum and As-



sessment Authority agreed that food technology lessons aimed to teach children the processes rather than the art of cooking. Home economics was a separate, optional topic.
The objective of the design and technology curriculum is not to teach children how to cook," she said, "It is to get

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children to understand the whole concept of design and making things, and how raw materials of different kinds can be transformed into something else, and that this something else is a coherent product designed for a particular purpose.

The authority said it was

planning to send head teachers a lesson pack called Chefs in Schools next term.

School dinners across the country were served up with a sporty theme at the launch of National School Meals Week vesterday. Pupils were treated to dishes such as Go Fasta Pasta, Navratilova Pavlova

and Ooh-Ah Cantona Casserole to entice more pupils to eat a main meal at school.

Each day this week will be themed to tennis, athletics. football, cricket and swimming. Sports stars giving their support to the scheme include the tennis player Tim Henman, the athlese Sally

Gunnell, the footballer Alan Shearer and the cricketer Nasser Hussein.

Government guidelines issued earlier this year stated that pasta and oven-cooked chips should replace sausages dumplings and deep-fried

Private schools owe growth to assisted places

INDEPENDENT schools yesterday announced their biggest rise in enrolments for a decade. But half the increase came from the Conservative Government's expansion of assisted places, which Labour is to phase out.

Nurseries and preparatory schools showed the strongest growth in the annual census carried out by the Indepen-dent Schools Information Service. Secondary schools are sixth-forms attracting more... pupils than last year.

Numbers of day pupils are approaching record levels. having increased by almost chairs the Headmasters' and 10,000 since the start of 1996. Headmistresses' Conference,

ional director of Isis, said that the schools' improved position constituted a vote of confidence in independent educa-tion and reflected parents' optimism about their financial prospects. The 1.7 per cent increase in envolments at 1.310 schools brought the total-to almost 474,000 pupils.

But the withdrawal of as-

sisted places and a possible threat to independent schools' charitable status has clouded the sector's longer-term pros-pects. The slight drop in secondary school numbers would have been much larger without the 3,800 pupils supported by the Government. The full effects of the change

century, and bursars' representatives admit that some schools might close as a result. Head teachers and gover-

nors are still considering whether to mount a legal challenge if the new Govern-ment refuses to support preparatory school pupils with assisted places throughout their school careers. But they are anxious to head off any status by highlighting a record and demonstrating a willing ness to do more. Michael Mavor, the Head

Master of Rugby School, who An influx of foreign pupils has said that the independent secheld the decline in boarding to tor might supply specialist fewer than 2,000 places.

David Woodhead, the nat-could share the expertise of its sports coaches. We would prefer to see teachers fully occupied teaching minority subjects, rather than teaching tiny sets in our own schools."

Nick Bevan, Headmaster of Shiplake College, Oxford-

> ciety of Headmasters and Headmistresses of Independent Schools, said many schools were opening their facilities to community use. His school allowed pupils from a neighbouring primary school free use of its computers. Almost a third of pupils are receiving some help with fees.

shire, and chairman of the So-

one in five through scholarships and bursaries provided

by the schools themselves.

FEE RISES AT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

Quarter of boarders live outside Britain

MORE than a quarter of all boarders now come from outside the United Kingdom. The Independent Schools

Information Service claimed yesterday that the boom in foreign recruitment was worth £200 million a year to Britain. But head teachers said that some schools were in danger of upsetting the balance of pupils by taking too many non-English speakers.

An increase of 8.8 per cent in new overseas enrolments ap-proached the record rises of

ional director of Isis, said the figures represented a success story for independent education, but that schools recog-nised the need to maintain the character of education sought by parents. In most schools, foreign pupils accounted for only 10-15 per cent of places, he said. Most of the increase comes from the Continent, the Far East and South America.

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Sect seeks £10m from sale of Mentmore

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT AND JOANNA BALE

A SUMPTUOUS former famly seat of the Rothschilds, vhich für 20 years has been devoted to the teachings of the Beatles' gurp, is for sale at between £10 million and £15 million. The agents for Mentmore Towers, Buckinghamshire, are expecting a private buyer. The Grade I listed house, set

in 81 acres in the Vale of Aylesbury, boasts 50 bedrooms, a grand entrance hall and five state reception rooms.

The home's third ownerwould be assured of an eccentric heritage. Built as an extended hunting lodge for the Rothschild family in 1852, the 100 rooms have more recently hosted followers of the transcendental meditation movement founded by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. The Maharishi

for £247,000 in 1978 and is planning to build bigger, pur-pose-built headquarters. The extravagant Victorian pile, with huge towers and an elaborate skyline, was designed for Baron Meyer Amschel de Rothschild by Sir Joseph Paxton, designer of the Crystal Palace, and his son-in-

Foundation bought Mentmore

law, G. H. Stokes.

The Rothschild wealth, estimated at £300 million when the Queen was worth perhaps £5 million, ensured that it became a treasury of European art. Paintings by Rembrandt, Murillo and Turner, Sevres porcelain, tapestries, Limoges enamels and priceless objects from the Doges Palace in Venice filled





The extravagant Victorian skyline that gave Mentmore Towers its name and, below, the hall; its fireplace from Rubens's house in Antwerp is valued at £750,000

Rosebery, later a Liberal Prime Minister and racehorse breeder, married the baron's daughter Hannah in 1878, he expanded the collection, which became one of the richest and most remarkable in private Many of the contents were.

auctioned in 1977 when the then owner, the 7th Earl of Rosebery, faced huge death duties on the death of his father. He had offered the house to the Government in lieu of £4.5 million, but dethe nation, Peter Shore, who was the Environment Minister, turned it down. The auction, dubbed the Sale of the Century, followed.

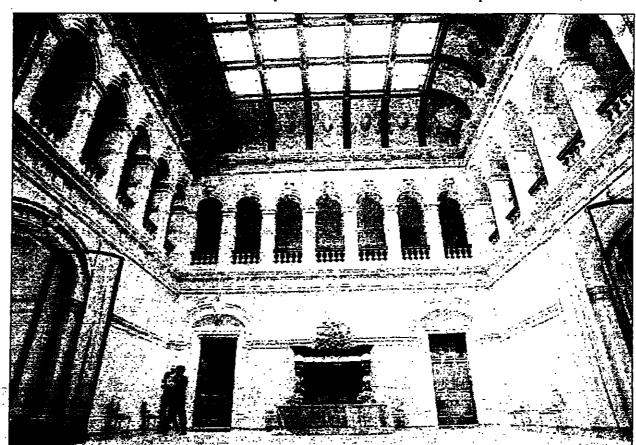
Neverthless the new owner need not fear being short of treasures and antiquities. The fireplace in the vast Italianate entrance hall was taken from Rubens's house in Antwerp and is estimated to be worth

Panelling in the dining room was imported from the royal Hotel de Villars in Paris and is lined with 16th-century Genoese velvet mirrors with ornate gilt frames and Vanioo

gallery of green Siberian marble and alabaster, with 15 suites of rooms leading off. Recently they have been inhabited by 30 to 55 Maharishi followers and its banquet halls have been let for conferences and dinners. The foundation bought the empty house in 1978 for about £200,000 and called it the University of Natural Law, recently letting some rooms to the Natural

The foundation is seeking 100 acres in the Home Counties on which to build headquarters. They leave behind a new central heating system and the possibility of hidden treasures. The house has so many secret rooms that, when Sothebys examined the house in preparation for the 1977 auction, it found silverware worth £20,000 in a forgotten

Ian Stewart, director for Savills, agents for the sale, said he that felt the house would be purchased by a private buyer rather than a hotel or corporate chain. "We will be advertising internationally. There are people who have made a fortune who Around the hall runs a making the house their own.



NEWS IN BRIEF Rider offers reward to catch thugs

jumper Monica Campbell has offered El.000 for information to identify thugs who tied a pony to a Gateshead railway track and set its mane on fire. Passers-by rescued Bobby, a Shetland belonging to Anthony Flax, aged 4. Ms Campbell, of Hartfield, Sussex, former winner of the British ladies championship. said: "If this helps bring these people to justice, it will be well spent."

Murder charge

A sixth man appeared in court charged with the murder of a Roman Catholic in Rory Robinson, 25, a fitter and welder, was remanded in custody. Robert Hamill was attacked on April 27 and died

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Trial dropped

Scott Bailey, whose partner died during intercourse, is not to be tried for manslaughter, Judge Denison told the Old Bailey. Andrew McPhail's heart stopped because of compression to his neck. He had taken amyi nitrate, a misused heart drug.

Moth warning

Holidaymakers at Portland, Dorset, are being told to guard against the brown tussock moth, which sheds barbed hairs that can cause itchiness. The council has asked English Nature to eradicate the orange-spotted colonisers.

True crime tour

'Mad" Frankie Fraser, who has spent 40 of his 73 years in jail. launched a £25-a-head coach tour of east London gangland, calling at the Krays' former territory, notorious pubs and the Old Bailey. "True crime is part of the national heritage," he said.

Deer ride

A voung deer found itself in a passenger seat on a school bus near Chippenham. Wiltshire, after it leapt a hedge and went through the windscreen. The driver suffered shock and a vet treated the other passengers.

Bittern is not booming after harsh winter

BITTERNS, already among Britain's rarest birds, have suffered a sharp decline over the past winter and are now on the edge of extinction (Michael Hornsby writes).

A survey by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds this year has found only 13 males. The birds are so elusive that sightings are rare — they are detected by their "booming" mating call, similar to a distant loghorn. "Last year we counted

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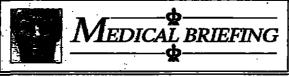
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22 booming males, so this is a dramatic decline," Chris Harbard, of the RSPB, said. "A poor breeding season last summer, followed by a severe winter, took a heavy toll. The bittern is a water bird and is soon in difficulties if it cannot find unfrozen areas in which to catch fish."

The heron-sized bittern, Botaurus birds clinging to survival in Britain. including the wood sandpiper and the

five pairs each. In February the European Union announced a grant of £1.5 million to the RSPB and other groups in the Bittern Partnership to help to conserve the birds. The money will be spent on restoring and enlarging reedbeds, the bittern's breeding-ground, stellaris, joins a handful of other rare at the dozen or so sites where the birds are found, mainly in wetland areas of Norfolk, Suffolk and Lancashire.

Hip replacement spells the end for morning cuppa



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Because arthritic, painful hip joints are now, rightly, being replaced at an earlier — when people are more energetic — the average time that they last has not increased over the 30 or 40 years in which they have been routinely litted. Great efforts have been made to find a hip prosthesis which will not work loose, but so far without

salute and made an inspection

at the annual parade of the

Combined Cavalry Old Com-rades in Hyde Park on Sun-

day. Two years ago she was wheelchair-bound, but can

now walk again, thanks to a

Every year in Britain there are 40,000 hip replacements, and a further 13,000 revision

operations to replace an artifi-cial hip joint which has

worked loose. An artificial hip

joint is only for life if the

patient is elderly when the

initial operation was done and no longer plays tennis or

hip replacement.

SUCCESS. A report in the Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery sug-

gests that the secret of obtaining a longer-lasting new hip joint may lie in finding a way to strengthen the soft cancellous bone which exists inside the hard outer casing of a

Hormone replacement ther-

apy is not the only way of

osteoporisis, which weakens the bone. The biphosphonates, the best known of which is Fosamax, also toughens it. The authors of the report alendronate sodium may reduce the weakening in the cancellous bone which occurs after a hip replacement and may lessen the movement in

the new joint. Fosamax has side-effects, the most important of which is inflammation in the gullet and sometimes ulceration. It needs to be taken early in the morning, at least half an hour before any other food or drink. Fosamax should be swallowed with a glass of water while the patient is standing upright and the patient should not lie down for 30 minutes.

Fosamax therapy is there-fore incompatible with a morning cup of tea, but these precautions ensure maximum chance of developing the frightening indigestion brought on by a severe ulcer-ation of the gullet. Just as there is likely to be an newer version of HRT with fewer serious side-effects than existing HRT, so it is rumoured other more tea-friendly biphosphonates are about to be marketed.

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Cook makes grand entrance for role

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

FRECEDED by a slick, fastmoving film of British achievements backed by music that pounded like Chariots of Fire, Robin Cook strode into the Victorian splendour of the Foreign Office Locarno Room vesterday to introduce his team to the press and his

Comparing new Labour to a modern business, the Foreign Secretary presented his longawaited mission statement. In it, he signalled a tough line on human rights, curbs on arms exports, a commitment to put the global environment at the heart of foreign policy and measures to promote exports. boost jobs and inject more business experience into the Diplomatic Service.

The images of British success flashed across a massive high-tech triptych: soldiers helping Bosnian refugees, Eurostar racing into the Channel Tunnel, slinky British models purring down the catwalk, brokers furiously dealing wealth in the City of

Labour's first press conference was a srunning display. Quick-changing film clips lit up the themes that were shortly to be laid out in Mr Cook's statement. All the achievements were there - London's theatre and ballet so too were the challenges: war, the environment, the conquest of space,

The Victorians would have recognised the boasting; the Americans would recognise the slick presentation. The film show ended with Labour's victory, and the new team taking command. Robin Cook strides into his crimson and gilt office, throws off his jacket and gets down to work. And exactly on cue, the real Mr Cook comes into the room. smiling with his new team for the cameras and the history

Labour's Foreign Office stuffy. Mr Cook made clear that Europe and the Commonwealth would be the immediate focus of Labour's attention. But Nato would remain the core of its security policy, and the relationship with Washington would be stronger than it was under the Tories.

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The Government would adopt a much harsher line towards countries such as Nigeria which do not respect human rights. "Our foreign policy must have an ethical dimension and must support the demands of other people for the democratic rights on which we insist for ourselves,"

on the world stage give new momentum to arms control and disarmament, and had already announced support for a ban on landmines. Mr Cook underlined Labour's eight-point plan on arms exports, published before the election, which outlined tough criteria for the arms trade. He said that Britain's position as one of the world's leading arms exporters meant that it had to show responsibility and ensure that the trade was properly regulated. The Foreign Secretary outlined two priorities for the British presidency of the Euro-pean Union, which begins in

January: removing remaining barriers to trade within the single market and getting talks on enlargement "off to a flying start". He said that unlike the Tories Labour could offer a Government "with a secure majority at Westminister and

a strong leader in Downing

Street, able to seize the oppor-

tunity to shape the direction in As a prerequisite to European Union enlargement, Mr Cook insisted that the Common Agricultural Policy must be reformed. It must move away from subsidies on production and output to a system for the proper management of



Robin Cook during his video-enhanced press conference at the Foreign Office

would advocate being tough

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He repeated Labour's caution of a single currency, saying that it was unlikely that Britain would join in the first wave. But Labour would not try to sabotage the preparations for the euro during the British presidency. "We shall

what other members of the EU may wish to do themselves."

The five strategic aims outlined in the statement are to: Make Britain a leading player in a Europe of independent states: Strengthen the Common-

wealth: Use Britain's status at the

will for Britain among the peoples of the world, drawing on the assets of the British Council and the BBC World Strengthen our relation-

effective action to achieve peace and combat poverty; ☐ increase respect and good

ships in all regions of the

Clarke's casual style belies his serious intent

7 enneth Clarke has been the odd man out among the six Tory leadership contenders. He has had no formal launch for his campaign, has given no interviews about his inner self, has written no articles about the way ahead, has not been eagerly courting the press and has not published lists of supporters. MPs, and journalists, wonder whether Ken is being his usual

casual self? They are wrong. Mr Clarke is deadly serious about the contest, as he is about the future of his party. There is an organised. Clarke campaign. Yesterday he raised his profile by sending a letter to MPs. But he is fighting in a very different way. This is partly his personal style. He dislikes the current soap opera with rival candidates making anodyne statements. He. believes this is not sustainable over several weeks. So he and his team of a dozen or more MPs are concentrating on direct personal contacts, what the Americans call retail rather than whole-

sale politics. The former Chancellor is anyway in a different nosition from his rivals, who are all fighting over similar ground. He has a long track record and a distinctive stance. He is seeking support on grounds of experience and electability, as the best person to take on Tony Blair in the Commons and in the country. Revealingly, his main public interviews since the election have been as Shadow Chancellor in commenting upon the actions of Gordon Brown

Mr Clarke's problem is, of course, to avoid being labelied as a wild pro-European, in the ugly jargon a Euro-philiae. In his letter, he portrays himself as a politician of the Centre Right who has been at the heart of the Conservative revolution" and who rejects further transfers to the EU. He ONPOLITICS

unelectable". He argues that by keeping options open ona single currency he is keeping the party in the mainstream of the business and financial world. On his view, if the Tories said say never, "most of the business and financial community would reject such a dogmatic and isolationist position and reject our party if we

espoused it".
Mr Clarke draws a paral-lel with Labour's hirch to the left in the early 1980s. Just as Labour did not lose then because it was not sufficiently left-wing, so the Tories did not lose on May I because they were not right-wing or Eurosceptic enough. In his letter, he points out that in defeat the Labour Party chose Michael Foot to unite the party and rejected Denis Healey, who had offended the unilateralist nuclear disarmers. They failed to convince the voters in the 'nuclear election' of 1983 and cleared the way for a generation of Conservative rule" Similarly, the views of the other candidates on a single currency risk driving the Tories to the political fringe both at home and in European politics".

for the Tories. The recent infighting and Mr Clarke's letter underline the parlous state of the party, which may get much worse. In their battered and fractious mood, Tory MPs may opt for the Foot option: Mr Clarke may do well in the first round of the election, ahead of the more right-wing candidates. He even could go through to the final round if the Right remains badly split. But he is highly unlikely to win in the end. By standing howeyer, he may demonstrate the extent of support for his viewpoint in the parliamentary party and so wer influargues that if the party is tany party and so win influ-perceived to swing further to ence and room for man-the identificate and course for bun and his allies

Ashdown strengthens | Labour MPs take survival course his frontbench team

pointed a full team of Liberal Democrat spokesmen for the years thanks to the big increase in the party's strength at Westminster (Polly Newton

The party won 46 seats, up 20 on their pre-election total. Mr Ashdown has left his frontbench team almost untouched. Archie Kirkwood, Chief Whip since 1992 has decided not to stand for re-(North Cornwall) is the only nominee. Mr Tyler's former job of agriculture and rural

Charles Kennedy (Ross, Skye

Menzies Campbell, the frontbench spokesman on foreign affairs and defence, will take over Mr Kennedy's European brief, Mr Kirkwood becomes frontbench spokesman on social security and welfare.

The health team, which will continue to be led by Simon Hughes (Southwark and Bermondsey), includes a former (Oxford West and Abingdon), and a former GP, Peter Brand (Isle of Wight).

By JILL SHERMAN

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S 182 new MPs are to be given counselling sessions over the next few weeks on how to behave in the Commons and how to deal with political journalists.

Senior whips are to hold a series of induction meetings with groups of 20 to 30 new MPs. Today all 182 will also be told at a London conference how they need to start working now to ensure that they The counselling sessions

will be informal gatherings

how to avoid gaffes, mishaps and confusion at Westminster. Backbenchers will be told how to act in the Commons Chamber - to cheer rather than clap (as they did on their first day in the Chamber last week) and when and how to table parliamentary questions. Experts will go through the minutiae of parliamentary procedures

and the whipping system. One of the sessions will be on the workings of the lobby. which enables MPs to talk to journalists on a non-attributa private gathering of MPs or ministers and one or more journalists - is a minefield

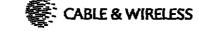
MPs will also be given practical advice on finding their way around the Commons maze of committee rooms, restaurants and bars.

Labour intends that its MPs will be making good use of this information and advice for many years to come. Today's conference will focus on the need to work hard as a constituency MPs to ensure success at the next general election. The main message will be the need to keep busy in the constituency and to MPs will be told to build on permanent to live and a file of

They will also be told to maintain good liaison with the local press.

Most MPs will have been sent a set of "Big Brother" instructions telling them how to find accommodation and how to hire staff and advising them to inform bank managers of the likely need for an overdraft. A document was sent to all candidates about six months ago to warn them of what to expect if they were elected. The whips have compiled a list of suitable hotels

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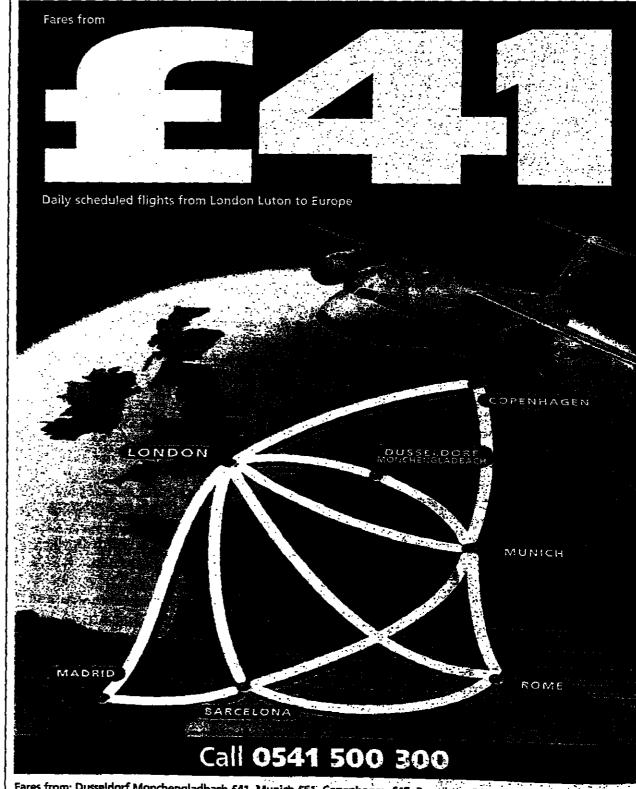
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Bonn police struggle to halt gang warfare

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ed a funfair outside Bonn in an attempt to stop yet another outburst of gang warfare between young ethnic German emigrés from Russia and Turkish teenagers.

The fighting on Saturday and Sunday night - with knives, gas guns and baseball caused dozens of Injuries and, police said, threatened to continue after dark last night.

Gang wars have been waged in many German cities without attracting much notice outside the casualty wards of local hospitals. But this particular clash, in the town of Euskirchen, near Bonn, coincided with the latest national crime statistics which show a rapid rise in numbers of young violent offenders.

The result yesterday was appeals for greater police powers, tougher action on younger teenagers who go unprosecuted and some nervous rumination about the role of foreigners in German society. More than 18 per cent of crimes committed by minors last year were ascribed to

foreign youths. The figures for 1996 show that juvenile offences are the fastest growing aspect of crime in Germany. About 131,000 children were caught committing crimes last year. Half of them were shoplifters but the police also noted a sharp increase in violent crime by minors, especially in east-

ern Germany. The funfair war in Euskirchen is typical: it began as a drunken brawl between 30 ethnic Germans from Russia and a group of Turks. After a Turk's face was slashed. reinforcements were called, and by the end of Saturday night more than 200 people were in a battle with the same

POLICE yesterday surround- number of police trying to separate the gangs. The performance was repeated on Sunday.

The youth gangs sometimes fight for territory — especially in dormitory suburbs — and sometimes for control of drug distribution. The resentment between

ethnic Germans and Turks is directly related to Germany's citizenship laws. Ethnic Germans emigrating from the east are given automatic German citizenship if they can prove their German heritage. Many, however, speak little or no German. Turks often speak fluent German, having grown up in the country, yet are denied citizenship. The tribal wars in Germany vary. from skinheads versus punks or anarchists in balaclavas, to rival football fans, or west Berlin youths against easterners.

Steffen Heitmann, the Justice Minister of Saxony, is one of many calling for tougher action. "I don't know if it's right that one should apply again and again juvenile law against 18 to 21-year-olds. I think that such cases should now become the exception."

Herr Heitmann also called for the quicker processing of arrested offenders so that there are more places in detention centres for young suspects. At present, because of a lack of prison space, many young offenders are allowed to live at home while awaiting trial. Some police officers are also appealing for a lowering of the age of criminal prosecution to 14 years.

Even in sleepy Bonn, Georg Classen, the chief of police, has noted a wave of youth crime. "Kids are holding flickknives at the throats of their schoolmates in order to snatch



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Moshe Dayan: regarded the Israeli capture of the Golan Heights from Syria as one of his biggest mistakes

Golan 'was taken for farmland'

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL seized the Golan Heights from Syria in the 1967 Six-Day War because Israelis wanted it for farmland, according to a newly published interview with Moshe Dayan, the former Defence Minister. who died in 1981.

Dayan, the most colourful of Israel's soldier politicians, regarded the decision to allow Jews to return to the West Bank city of Hebron and the capture of the Golan Heights as his two greatest mistakes, according to Rami Tal, an Israeli journalist who interviewed the general in 1976.

Discounting claims of the strategic value of the Golan Heights, now a key platform of the foreign policy of the right-wing Government of Binyamin Netanyahu, Dayan — who was appointed De-fence Minister on the eve of the 1967 war after public pressure — disclosed that Israel took the plateau from

Syria for farmland. Israeli leaders have consistently maintained that the Golan Heights are too important for Israel's defence to was only the Syrian Army," return. Until Israel captured he said. "The kibbutzim saw

shell Israeli border communities. According to Dayan, a one-time Chief of Staff, Israel deliberately provoked the

the Golan, Syria often used it

tractor to plough some area

"In two cases I did not fulfil my role as Defence Minister, in that I did not stop things: that I was sure should have been stopped," Dayan said of the two events which have since been formative in shaping Israel's strained relations

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6 We are not always victims. There is a myth of farmers being shot at the truth is more ambiguous 9

to do anything, in the demilitarised area, and know in advance that the Syrians would start to shoot," he admitted. "If they did not shoot, we would tell the

tractor to advance further. Dayan said pressure from Israel's kibbutzim led to the land grab. "Along the Syrian

with the Arab world. Dayan's politician daughter. Yael. confirmed the veracity of the interview, saying that her father seemed to regret his handling of Hebron most. Dayan said he granted

permission to Moshe Lev-

inger, a settler leader, to enter

conquered Hebron on condi-

tion that the American-born

rabbi and his family stayed

over boliday. The rabbi never left and became the father of the Jewish settler movement. Mr Tal said about 60 per

cent of the interview was still unpublished because he considers most of it too personal - such as remarks about the many women in the life of the swashbuckling Dayan, who was a legendary womaniser.

Amos Eran, a government official at the time, said Dayan's regret about the Golan arose from the fact that he wanted the Heights only as a bargaining chip. "Dayan did. not want the Government to allow the kibbutzim to build there - he hoped to trade it. back for peace," Mr Eran-said. About 15,000 Jewish settlers live on the Golan

Mr Tal said his revelations would clear up misconcep-tions about the fateful Six-Day War. "We are not always the victims. There is a myth of peaceful farmers being shot at by Syrians — the truth is most

Delors emerges as popular choice for premiership

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

AS THE countdown to the French election continues with the major parties jockeying for position; the Parisian corridors of power are abuzz with the names of possible prime ministerial contenders, after June 1, including Jacques Delors, the Socialist former President of the European Commission.

The choice of prime minister resides with President Chirac, and if the Left wins outright, he would be expected to offer the job to Lionel Jospin, the Socialist Party leader. In the event of a hung parliament or clines the post, as M. Chirac himself did in 1993, then a cohabitation with M Delors as prime minister becomes an intriguing, if distant, pos-

M Delors has not suggested he wants the job, but appointing the man who headed the Commission from 1985 to 1995 would underscore M Chirac's consmitment to European integration and assuage fears that a Socialist government. having campaigned against further austerity to meet the Maastrichi criteria, would necessarity spell doom for the single currency project. It is also conceivable that, in the short term. M Jospin would rather see someone else handle the tricky, and possibly explosive, next phase in the runup to economic and monetary.

M Delors is the most popu-



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weekend showed that French business leaders would overhelpingly favour the ap-pointment of M Delors as prime minister if the Left were to win. Out of 350 top businessmen questioned, 53 per cent said they preferred M Delors. Their second choice, with 11 per cent, was M Delors's daughter. Martine Aubry, the former Labour Minister who is expected to be awarded another senior ministenial post in a Socialist government. M Jospin was only the fifth choice, with a meagre 4 per cent. Personal reasons, however,

may militate against M Defors accepting the post if he were approached. He is known to be proted of his daughter's political success, and traight balk at cramping the career by presiding over a Cathriet in which she was a

After two weeks of polls showing the Left gaining ground, the latest surveys indicate that the centre right coalition will hold on to a majority, albeit sharply rewith the Seft is one that M

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Russian beauty 'killed by gangsters'

IN ATHENS

THE dismembered body of a woman found near an abandoned luxury villa near Athens is that of a Russian beauty queen who apparently fell foul of a gangland feud between her compatriots, the Greek police said.

Workmen found pieces of the body of Svetlana Kotova, a former Miss Russia, stuffed into three travelling bags that appear to have been buried hastily in rough ground next to the three-storey villa.

Miss Kotova disappeared at about the same time that the villa's Russian occupant. Aleksandr Salonik - who was known in the Russian underworld as "Alexander the Great" - was found murdered in February, the police

Both killings took place along the so-called Apollo coast, south of Athens, on the road to Sounion, a district much sought after by the affluent. Miss Kotova was believed to have been Salonik's mistress.

The killers remain at large. The police believe they belong to at least one of three main underworld groups who operate from Russia and Kazakhstan and traffick in drugs and prostitution. Many gangsters entered the country several years ago along with several thousand ethnic Greeks, who took advantage of the breakup of the Soviet Union to

for \$5m

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

DUDLEY MOORE kept a chilly silence yesterday in response to news that his wife is suing him for \$5 million (£3 million) for allegedly beating, chasing, choking and humiliating her during their stormy

three-year marriage.
The 62-year-old actor and musician, who returns to British theatre in a Southampton pantomime this year, is accused in the Californian lawsuit of mounting a campaign of verbal and physical abuse against his fourth wife, Nicole.

Mr Moore's publicist said "there is no comment and there will be no comment" on the latest twist in a relationship that appears to have been less a marriage than a long and very

public dispute.

The lawsuit, filed in a Santa Monica court, alleges that "throughout the marriage, Dudley Moore assaulted and threatened to assault" his wife, verbally abusing her with terms such as "stupid" and "idiot" and once choking her almost to death.

Mr Moore demanded that Nicole, 32, dance for his sexual gratification, the suit continues, adding that he heaped further humiliation on her with claims in a recent authorised biography that she went on wild spending sprees with his credit cards, amassing bills of half a million dollars in a single year.

Mrs Moore, nee Rothschild, who at 5ft 10in is eight inches taller than ber husband, married him in 1994 barely a month after he was arrested, charged with assaulting her, and released. The couple frequently lived apart and Mrs Moore is reported to have spent as much time with her former husband, an Aids victim, as with Mr



Moore: accused of beating fourth wife

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN

IN NEW YORK

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The charges against Mr

Bono, who was elected to

Congress from California in

Dudley Moore's wife sues Career wrecked by adulterous affair

KELLY FLINN was hailed as the first woman to pilot a B52 Air Force. Then she fell in love and the sky fell in on her. Now grounded, Lieutenant

Flinn, 26, will be tried by court martial next Tuesday for adultery and other charges arising from her affair with a civilian. She admits to having fallen for Marc Zigo, a football coach, who lied to her about being legally separated from his

The case is personally dev-astating for Lieutenant Flinn, who has gone from being rated first in her training class, an outstanding officer head and shoulders above

her peers" to social outrast.
It is also a nightmare for the air force, which is being vilified for heaping public humiliation on Lieurenant Flinn over an unhappy epi-sode in her life that could have been easily handled with quiet counselling or, at the most, a behind-the-scenes reprimand.
It was only too happy to

produce a promotional film about Lieutenant Flinn when she was making air force history, but has now abandoned her to a ruined career. She faces the possibility of dismissal and up to nine and a half years in prison for cir-cumstances that would go impunished in civilian life. Nor is this the first time the

'air force has taken an unforgiving stance. The numbers tried for adultery have quadrupled in a decade, to 67 last year. One of them, Lieutenant-Colonel Karen Tew, dismissed for adultery with an enlisted

man, committed suicide. Lieutenant Flinn, youngest of five children of well-to-do parents, had always wanted to . She first took the controls of a plane at the age of 11. She attended the tough air force

6 She did not date fellow officers. Instead, she simply fell in love with the wrong man 9

academy. After graduation she was sent for B52 training that lasted six months and cost the air force more than \$1

Posted to a BS2 base in the desolate prairie of North Dakota, she was accepted, initially grudgingly, as the first woman pilot, but she gained respect. She did not date fellow officers, thinking that Instead, as she puts it, she

man. Mr Zigo was charming but later it emerged that he was on probation for beating The lieutenant had been

fell in love with the wrong

discreet but word leaked out. Her commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Theodore LaPlante, gave her a written order forbidding her to have any further contact with Mr Zigo. Then Mr Zigo attempted suicide. Lieutenant Flinn went to his aid and let him move into her cottage.
But as the truth about him

came out, Lieutenant Flinn's troubles worsened. She had disobeyed the colonel's order. She had lied to military investigators that her relationship with him had been platonic. She has been charged, in addition to adultery, with disobeying an order, making a false statement, conduct unbecoming an officer and fraternisation, this last offence the result of a brief fling with an unmarried airman not in her chain of command.

Lieutenant Flinn has support from high and low. Letters to her local paper in North Dakota are running heavily in her favour. One said: "I'd like to see you print an article about the next male pilot charged with adultery. Print his name and ruin his life before he has been found



Girl, 10, left alone for four months

THE onset of Mother's Day in bad, but it's not quite as bad as being abandoned," Sheriff's America may have prompted

a ten-year-old girl to find help after four months of living alone in a mobile home with little food and no running water. Ashton Denice Saylor said she resorted to eating dog biscuits and puppy food but

mother, Audrey Saylor, left home on the child's birthday on January 9. At best, authorities said, the girl had only occasional visits from Police learnt about her olight on Sunday after she turned to a neighbour, asking if she could stay with him. John Kame said Ashton arri-

ved crying at his door. Police said yesterday that investigators had located the mother. "It may be that the girl was unsupervised instead of abandoned, which is still

Congress, a new book by Ron. He even tried to give her a

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Captain Jerry Griffin said. Neighbours said they had never seen the girl's father. She was placed in state custody, and the investigation is Ashton had made her moth-

er a Mother's Day gift for Sunday, Captain Griffin said, but gave the gift to a friend's mother instead. Her adult cousin also lives with Mr living alone. But the cousin Kima Soles, said she did nothing because she was trying to gain custody of Ashton and did not want to alert

Ashton told police she did not tell anyone her mother was missing because it might get her into trouble. She said she had seen her mother only once or twice since January 9

gold ring, but she refused to

accept it. After that, it appears,

Ms Sandretto was relegated to

"menial tasks" such as an-swering the telephone and

opening Mr Bono's letters.

awkward time for the diminu-

tive politician, as he is report-

edly considering the idea of

running for the Senate.

They stopped him working the land. So now he digs graves for children.



families in a desperate search for land, how starvation took the lives of four of the children, all under two years old. "The ones who died were living on sugar

José and Maria Pereira will not forget

the day they were evicted from the land

they were working. "The landowners just

ripped up our crops and threw them

Nor will they erase the memory of what

happened next: how they joined with other

away" says José Pereira.

and water" savs Maria Pereira, "They just swelled up and died of hunger". This is Brazil, where 100,000 children

die each year from malnutrition. The cause, too often, is as simple as it is cruel: wealthy landowners deny land to families whose only means of support comes from growing crops to eat.

This country is one of the most unequal places on earth. A mere 75 ranchers own land the size of Britain, much of it unused. Christian Aid supports an organisation which helps desperate peasants settle on idle land and make it productive. In parallel, it works for the legal transfer of that land into the peasants' hands.

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De Klerk's split with heir-apparent heralds oblivion for National Party acceptable to the Nationalist grassmused as the National Party, which The party which set up, ran and then abolished roots. Mr Meyer has been consultruled from 1948 to 1994, seems apartheid now seems to be on course to destroy intent on tearing itself to pieces. When F. W. de Klerk, then Presiing widely with other opposition figures and has publicly announced



De Klerk: stature has

dent announced the abolition of apartheid in 1990 and won a landslide victory in a whites-only referendum on constitutional reform, his standing was so great and was enhanced by the award of a Nobel Peace Prize - there was

heady talk that his party might win one-man, one-vote election against the African National Congress. The Nationalists certainly hoped for 35-40 per cent of the ballot and were extremely chasitself, R. W. Johnson writes from Johannesburg

second biggest party with only 20.6 per cent. Since then the party has drifted to 16 per cent in the polls and is now racked by a damaging public light between Mr de Klerk and his heir-apparent. Roelf Mey-er, who led the Nationalists in the

constitutional talks with the ANC. Last year, Mr de Klerk appointed Mr Meyer as the party's General Secretary, but was forced to rescind his appointment this year under

pressure from Hernus Kriel, the tough Nationalist Premier of the Western Cape, and Marthinus van Schalkwyk, Mr Meyer's rival for the party leadership, both of whom are deeply suspicion of his announced intention of seeking a new political alignment.

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There is a growing feeling that Mr Meyer conceded far too much in the constitutional negotiations and that he has become closer to the

that he sees no future for the party in its current form and that it should dissolve itself to form part of a broader opposition grouping.

He has rejected a call by Mr de Klerk to cease his discussions with other parties and it seems certain that he will either have to resign from the party or be forced out. The party is also suffering from a

constant flow of apartheid-cra atrocity stories from hearings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Mr de Klerk's insistence that

worn thin with constant repetition and he now seems a much diminished figure. Most politicians feel that he made a great mistake by not retiring directly after the 1994 election. He now faces the accusa-tion that he failed to obtain the power-sharing deal with the ANC that he promised to whites (and especially Afrikaners), and that he has in effect destroyed the National

Mr Meyer is now doubtless right to argue that the party's past makes it all but impossible to garner sufficient non-white votes to mount an effective challenge to the ANC. But in South Africa's racially

he knew nothing of such crimes has polarised society, it is not clear that a new political movement would find that much easier, despite the very deep popular disappointment with the ANC's failure to deliver or most of its election promises.

It is difficult to see how the Nationalists can avoid continuing decline. Its original Afrikaner na tionalist mission lies in ruins even South African Airways docnot use Afrikaans in its flight announcements any more - and for a party so long used to power and the fruits of office, opposition politics has been a difficult and unwelcome experience which has seen most of the party's old guard rush to leave the scene.

New kidnap mars signing of peace deal with Chechens

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA and the breakaway were Yelena Masyuk, Russia's republic of Chechnya signed a treaty vesterday aimed at ending 400 years of confrontation and setting out the principles for peaceful relations between Moscow and the volatile north Caucasus region. The Kremlin ceremony also

marked the first meeting between President Yeltsin and Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen leader, since his election as President of the republic in January, Mr Maskhadov was the rebel chief of staff during the region's 21-month war for independence in 1994-96. Tens of thousands of people, most of them civilians, died in the conflict, which ended with a ceasefire last summer, the withdrawal of Russian troops and an agreement to defer the question of Chechnya's status for five years.

The ceremony was marred. however, by the latest in a series of kidnappings of Russian journalists in Chechnya.

porter, and two of her television crew, who were seized at gunpoint during the weekend near the village of Sa-mashki in western Chechnya. Ms Masyuk soared to prominence because of her outspoken reports for NTV television, which revealed the gross mishandling of the cam-

paign by the Russian military

command, as well as atrocities

committed against civilians.

Her interviews with rebel leaders, including Shamil Basayev, who led the hostagetaking raid on the southern Russian town of Budennovsk in June 1995, brought threats of Russian criminal proceedings, although no charges were ever brought against her. Mr Yeltsin said after yester-

day's signing that the Chechen leader had denounced all acts of terrorism and had given him an assurance that "he will fight terrorists, look for the culprits and find them, that

the Chechen authorities will free journalists and look for Russian prisoners of war".

While no treaty text was available. Mr Yeltsin said it declared four firm intention never to use force or threaten to use it in relations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Ichkeria* the name preferred by Mr Maskhadov said his

delegation had come to Moscow "in peace and for peace". He added: "By signing this document we have shown the whole world that the peace process is a reality." He avoided apportioning direct blame for the kidnappings, but said that they had been carried out by those opposed to the peace process. However, in an interview on Sunday with the Russian Ekho Moskvy radio station, he blamed Russian officials seeking to undermine the Chechen administration.

The kidnapping is the latest in a space of such incidents since hostilities ended. An Italian journalist was freed last month after spending two months in captivity. His release followed that of two Russian journalists working for the ORT state television company. In both cases a larg ransom is widely believed to have been paid. Another armed group is demanding \$2 million (£1.2 million) for four Russian journalists who disappeared in March.

Moscow facelift: Russia spent \$292 million to rebuild the 18th-century Kremlin housing Mr Yeltsin's office and administration the Interfax agency said. (Reuter)



A man is comforted yesterday next to the rubble of his home in Qayen, the epicentre of the earthquake

100,000 homeless in Iran quake

By Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia, James Bone in New York and Lin Jenkins

NOT a single structure is left standing in the 200 Iranian villages hit by a massive earthquake, a United Nations official who flew over the region reported yesterday.

Hamid Reza Ghalfarzadeh a representative of the UN Development Programme, in a brief telephone conversation with a colleague, described scenes of devastation in hundreds of villages. He is to present his written findings to UN headquarters today.

"What he saw was total destruction and massive damage - no standing structure and everything flattened in the

200 villages affected," the col-league told The Times. "He also said that the food and relief operations were being very efficiently organised by the Iranians because they have had experience with

similar situations before." Mr Ghaffarzadeh, who toured the affected eastern region of Iran with staff of the World Food Programme and UN High Commissioner for Refugees based in Mashhad. put the number of people made homeless by the Saturday quake at around 100,000. President Rafsanjani toured

the area where rescue workers

said there was little chance of finding any more survivors in the quake that has killed at least 2,400 people.

International offers of help continued to pour in from the West and Middle Eastern countries such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia whose relations with Iran have been difficult. Britain, which has not recived any request for help

yesterday pledged £100,000 to the Iranian Red Crescent. The International Federa-tion of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies appealed

for £5 million. Andres Fris-

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from the Tehran Government,

mark, a senior. UN official in Tehran, said Iranian rescue teams "are doing a marvellous job but what has become critical is stocks".

Iran, which has mobilised more than 4.000 local volunteers, refused visas for a 14strong team from the international Rescue Corps charity. They were due to fly out from London but Tehran said they were not needed. The charity believes it can help to save lives. It said: "We have known somebody to survive 17 days, but the maximum is normally ten to 13 days." A Swiss team was given nine visas.

Deep Blue

evens score

for IBM

New York: While Garry Kasparov fumes

after losing to Deep Blue, the creators of

the world's best chess-playing computer

are getting ready to harvest the commercial rewards of a memorable publicity coup (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

IBM. the machine's makers, have received the kind of fillip from its "man versus technology" chess challenge that makes competitors weep and ad men drool. It is amazing what a win will do. Mr Kasparov's defeat on Sunday, in fewer

Mr Kasparov's defeat on Sunday, in fewer moves than he has ever lost a match

before, was worth more than money to the

corporation. Yesterday, precious public praise came from Nathan Myhrvoid, the

chief technologist at Microsoft, where IBM is often held up to ridicule. He said: "It's an IBM team that did it. My hat is off

to them." IBM, which spent an estimated \$5 million (£3 million) on this year's rematch—including publicity, prizes and the cost of putting Deep Blue together—has reaped the equivalent of \$100 million in free publicity.

Pyongyang foiled plot to kill Kim

Seoul: North Korea thwarted a plot by military cadets to assassinate Kim Jong II in 1995, according to a Pyong-yang defector in Seoul. The cadets planned to axe the country's leader to death during a martial arts display. according to South Korea's Nae Woe Press. But the plot involving about 200 cadets was uncovered by intelligence agents and the ringleaders were executed.

Meanwhile, 14 members of two North Korean families defected to the South by sea. becoming the first to flee their country by boat, the Defence Ministry said. (Reuter, AP)

Buthelezi was ANC target

Johannesburg: Thabo Mbeki, South Africa's Vice-President, has told the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that an African National Congress unit operating during the 1980s drew up plans to assassinate Chief Mangosumu Buthelezi, leader of the Zulubased inkatha Freedom Party. He said the guerrillas were ordered to drop the idea by ANC headquarters because Inkatha members were no

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regarded as legitimate targets **Stowaways** plead guilty

Nelson: Joanne and Sara Ingham, 18, the New Zealan twins found in the Australia outback last week after jum ing ship with a Malaysia crewman, pleaded guilty i court here in the South Islan to charges of assault, failing answer court bail and breacing supervision orders. Bd was denied, though a lawysaid their ordeal had probab changed them. (AFP)

Typhus rages in Burundi

Bujumbura: The world. worst typhus outbreak for 5 years has infected thousand of people in Burundi, the World Health Organisation says. Some 20,000 typhus January and March, mostly in camps guarded by the Tursi dominated army to deny access to Hufu rebels. (Reuter)

Tapie in new fraud trial

Marseilles: Bernard Tapie, 54, the former tycoon in jail for match-rigging and interfering with witnesses, appeared in court with 19 others on charges of embezzling Fr100 million (£10.5 million) from Olympique Marseilles, his Man versus Machine, page 18 | football club. (Reuter)

India and Pakistan to free captives

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD

THE most successful highlevel meeting for years bevesterday raised hopes that thousands of divided families might be allowed to see each other for the first time in half a century.

It was also agreed to release each other's prisoners, all fishermen accused of illegally entering territorial waters. and to set up a hotline between

the two prime ministerial offices. There were unprecedentmilitary spending.

Aslan Maskhadov and Boris Yeltsin sign the accord

yesterday in front of Russian and Chechen delegates

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The families were separated during the run-up to the partition of the subcontinent in August 1947. In one of the world's biggest migrations. Muslims, Hindus and Sikhs crossed the frontier by train. lorry bus and bullock cart, and many walked hundreds of

sions. Each community left behind family members who were too frail or poor to leave. or simply refused to move. Until recently, divided families living outside the main cities were unable to establish telephone contacts, so poor were cross-border telecommunications. Postal links have always been difficult.

There was a rare mood of

conciliation yesterday when Nawaz Sharif, elected Prime Minister of Pakistan three months ago, and Inder Kumar Gujral, the new Prime Minister of India, had talks at a meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation in the Maidives. The two men get on well and share fluency in Urdu and

Mr Sharif, speaking before he met his Indian counterpart, called for a lowering of regional tensions, which would lead to less military spending and a better quality of life for people

of the region. Mr Gujral called Mr Sharif a close personal friend. Never in half a century of enmity has there been such ostentatious amity.
Their informal talks rein-

forced the improved atmosphere between the two countries, without yielding any immediate practical results. India and Pakistan have never seemed more willing to shed their old rhetoric of hostility. although the dispute over Kashmir continues to blight relations. They have fought three wars, two over Kashmir. Mr Sharif, with a two-thirds

parliamentary majority, is in an exceptionally strong position to put relations with India on a new footing. How-ever, he would find it politically difficult to make key concession over Kashmir. Mr Gujrai. 70. born in Jhelum in what is now Pakistan — like Mr Sharif, he is a Punjabi — has declared it a "mission" to see normalised relations with Pakistan in his lifetime.



Garry Kasparov with his trophy after he resigned against the IBM supercomputer





Fortunately, the road-going version is smoother, somewhat quieter, and fits neatly into your video recorder,

copters flying overhead mo-mentarily shatters the silence at the Congolese air force base on the outskirts of Brazzaville. the capital of the Congo. Inside a cavernous hangar, headquarters for. Britain's Joint Force in the region, all is businesslike calm. The relaxed air of the operation is, howev-

er, deceptive.
The soldiers and airmen are ready to go into action at a moment's notice, should the alarm be sounded across the Congo River in Kinshasa. As rebels advance on the Zairean capital, the British protection force is in constant readiness for the order to scramble. In the event of maybem breaking out in Kinshasa, it will be the Joint Force's task to evacuate the British community in the

"We'll be able to get across the river in about an hour from the time of the alarm going up," the commander of Britain's Joint Force said, "It would be our job to evacuate about 1,700 UK citizens and

entitled persons." Speaking on condition of anonymity, the commander talked freely of the rescue operation - codenamed "Determinant" - which has been in preparation for six weeks. We would take over the beach by the British Embassy and secure the embassy itself," he said. The Royal Marines would go in first, followed by

Troops are standing by to get the remaining 1,700 British citizens safely out of Zaire if fighting breaks out in the capital, David Orr writes from Kinshasa

soldiers from The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. Other soldiers would fly to secure three other assembly points

around the city A total of 480 British person-nel are on standby in Brazza-ville and in Libreville, the capital of Gabon. Two Hercutransport aircraft are based in Libreville and there are two hovercraft, four Puma helicopters and four Rigid

UN finds refugees

Nairobi: The United Nations has found another 6.000 sick and dying Rwandan refugees in a camp. south of Kisangani, previously scaled off by Lau-rent Kabila's rebels. Aid workers said more people were emerging from dense forest. Julian Fleet, of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said: There were corpses lying around the camp, next to where people were cooking and steeping." (AP)

Raider speedboats in Brazza ville. The high-speed Raiders can manage the one-mile river crossing in five minutes or

American, French and Belgian task forces, operating from the same Consolese air force base, have similar numbers of troops poised to go into action. Portuguese and Italian contingents are also in position.

The commander insisted that his men would be involved in a strictly defensive operation. A British Embassy spokesman confirmed, however, that the task force would be authorised to take all measures necessary to save both their own lives and the lives of those in their charge.

The dependants of most Western nationals have already left the Zairean capital and the city's international schools have closed. Those who remain are, in the words of a British Embassy official, "mostly hardcore businessmen who have substantial financial interests at stake".

The order to evacuate will be given if civilian lives are



Soldiers of the 1st Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment train with members of 539 Assault Squadron Royal Marines on the Congo River

danger. An outbreak of fighting or looting in Kinshasa could lead to the operation being launched. From designated assembly places around the city, evacuees will be taken to a riverside embarkation point and from there to

"We're looking at a classic helicopter and boat operaourselves." tion," said the Joint Force

"Some of our chaps were involved in the recent Albanian evacuation. The difference there was that everything happened very quickly. We've had

commander.

plenty of time to prepare

The officers and rifle company soldiers living at the Congolese air force base rehearse their strategy every day, Inside the vast hangar, a line of haversacks lies packed and waiting. A hospital has

been set up in one corner with operating tables and gleaming equipment. From their forward operations base on a sandbar in the river, a unit of Royal Marines sets off

unstream un regular exercises in their Rapid Raiders. For the moment, all is quiet

With the Zairean rebels moving ever closer to their goal. however, that mood could quickly turn to panic and

The launching of Operation Determinant might be only



Man icon bugs US stamp purists

New York: The US Postal Service has been criticised over a 32 cent stamp it has Bunny. The US Postal Service is sinking to a new low in trivialising its once high-minded stamp programme." huffed Gary Griffith, author of *United States Stamps*, 1922-1926. Pundits believe that the service is in breach of its own rules in allowing the cartoon rabbit, a commercial product owned by Warner Bros, to appear on a stamp.

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Nine feared dead in Everest storm

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN WELLINGTON

VINE climbers were missing. elieved dead, near the summit of Mount Everest after being expeditions reported last

Several members of a party. from Kazakhstan managed to reach the summit before side to other expeditions now on the world's highest mountain.

Peter O'Conner, leader of the New Zealand expedition, reported from Everest that nine people were missing. According to Radio New Zealand, he said those lost on the 29,028ft mountain included a German and a sherpa.

three Kazakhs, three Koreans. A message on the Internet from Todd Burleson, of Alpine Ascents International, said they believed five people were dead, while another New Zealand expedition, led by Guy Cotter, said seven were miss-

ing. Mr Burleson reported the sherpa was swept down the Great Couloir near the summit. He identified the German as Peter Kuwalzik of the German International Mountain Climbing company.

Mr Burleson and Mr Cotter, who were near the summdisaster struck. They were on it, said a storm swept in about mountain. Mr Cotter said one of the Kazakhs was lying dead near a tent. "The weather has been clear but we have had severe jetstream winds every day, which is a recipe for disaster," he said. He criticised climbers for trying to reach the summit "when the winds are extremely high and the chances of surviving are quite low.

Six other teams are staying at the 17,622ft base camp until the winds drop. Most climbers seeking to conquer Everest this season are on the southern side, waiting in camp for



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They're changing, not drowning

In the second part of our series on the problems and opportunities facing women in midlife, the Cambridge social psychologist Terri Apter focuses on the four different types of crisis experienced by women as they reach maturity, and argues that each can lead to a successful outcome

PATHS

Women in the new midlife

TRADITIONAL WOMEN

those who have identified themselves primarily as wives and mothers and who believe that their family's needs take priority. Had they lived in previous generations, these women would have been typical. Today, they often feel abnormal and obscured by the highprofile images of the career

There were three different points at which the traditional woman's midlife crisis was targeted. The first was a woman's identification with a husband's ambition, an identification that silenced her needs - until, at midlife, she acknowledges what she has previously ignored. A second sore point was the time and energy poured into her family. The



third target for midlife crisis was the empty nest as the tasks of motherhood became less intense, some women were flooded by a surplus of time, in which they confronted a lack of purpose. The emptiness, initially experienced as a catastrophe, ushered in awareness of neglected dimensions of themselves. The crisis for traditional

women occurs within a revolution of ideas about what women should and could be. Most women born between 1939 and 1954 have a fairly strong idea of what a traditional woman's life is like and what a traditional woman is: her identity is centred on being a wife and mother. Many women born during these years lought against this traditional mould, feeling its pressure, frightened that they were being conditioned or pro-grammed for a life they did not want. Women's lives have become so varied that there are now no markers to make one feel "Yes, I'm going along life's path as I should". In previous generations, finding a boyfriend, getting engaged, then married, then becoming a mother, marked the rightness of a woman's path. Whatever else a woman did whether she went to college. took a job - these markers showed whether she passed or failed her test for femininity. Now women have no normal life pattern.

It is easier for women of this generation to decide not to marry, not to have children, or



Family values: traditional women put husband and children first but many complain of feeling "marginal", "small" or "useless" compared with high-profile career women

sample who felt they had lived

the early years of adulthood in

a narrow corridor, confined

by a lack of skill or confidence

or self-awareness, saw midlife

as an opportunity to expand

For some expansive women

the urge to make radical

changes arises from that

midlife assessment during

which previous dissatisfac-

tions are confronted. Ready to

take charge of their futures

and less distracted by the

judgments of others, they

resist the narrowness en-forced by limited training or

education. Other expansive

women see the need to extend

their self-knowledge and abol-

ish the fears that have limited

The need for expansion can also arise from changing cir-

cumstances: A divorce may

make a woman aware of a

narrowness that before she

had barely noticed. The ex-

pansive women in my sample reviewed their pasts to find the place at which their poten-

found, they moved forward

into their new midlife with

skills and strength they could

never have imagined in their

Whether an expansive

woman's crisis was stimulat-

ed by internal or external forces, it followed a similar

course. First came the critical

realisation of her own impa-

tience with the status quo.

This was followed by anxiety

as to change. As she begins to take definite steps towards

change she often experiences

a relief, which releases enor-

mous energy. Hence, she may

seem, to others, wild or scatty

or irresponsible. Yet such

carelessness is superficial. At

each point of change, I found

the women in my sample

asking "How much should I

preserve?" and "How much

should I shed? The crisis is

resolved not when she has

first years of adulthood.

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their emotional horizons.

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espouse grand ambitions. But dom comes anxiety about whether she has made the right decision. When we feel ' dissatisfied with what we have done, and other people we identify with or measure ourselves against are all doing different things, we may think Why didn't I do what she did?" At different times and in different ways, all contemporary women ask this of themselves. For the traditional woman in my sample, this query could uncover regrets that had been controlled or denied. This disclosure then

allowed them sight of the impediments that took difficult choices out of their of expanding options often makes traditional women feel defensive, and in their defence they often suppress dissatisfac Traditional women who did not have careers

knew that many other women saw them as different, as limited, as inferiur. They spoke about feeling "marginal" or "small" or "useless" or "foreign" in the presence of professional women. In defence, they labelled career women "selfish". Their battle to feel comfortable in these roles that were once considered the soft option gave rise to a continuous internal dialogue, which, in early adulthood, went round in circles, skirting many of their real feelings, which at midlife are addressed directly.

The psychological energy women in their first years of adulthood employ to keep their regrets at bay has been repeatedly documented in the past decade. Women who decide, after the birth of children, not to return to work engage in cognitive manoeuvres whereby they minimise both the financial and personal cost of their decisions. The costs of such a decision are too high to admit, so mental work is done to make it seem smaller, less drastic. Here often begins the

to bear children in midlife, to suppression of desires and midlife crisis.

Virtually all the traditional women I interviewed harboured a sense of themselves as potential achievers. "Not a day goes by," Mai said when I first interviewed her at the age of 47. "when I don't think about what I might have achieved, and how that would have felt. I look the part of the perfect wife and mother, and it's a part I play with all my heart. But I chose it because I did not see a way of doing more, which doesn't mean I didn't want to or don't want to." As midlife struck, women

confronted their compromises in bolder ways. First. Traditional they acknowledged those anxiously women suppressed regrets: second, they delabelled manded of themselves how they career had failed to see what they had supwomen pressed: third, they asked the crisis question, "Why selfish' didn't I see this before?" If they re-

sist these destructive alternatives, they can free themselves to gain a more confident perspective. Their new midlife is a turning point away from the wasted energy of suppressed wishes towards an ability to make use of the multi-dimensional self they now acknowledge.

SIGNS OF CRISIS: Increasing frustration with the pressure of others' demands. · Anger at the inability to Panic at the distance between how others perceive one and who one really thinks one is.

RESOLUTION Gains more control over the extent of one's responsiveness to others'

 Forges a strong link between what one wants and what one decides to do. Connects with that "unseen" self, often through having more private time.

Throwing off The path through crisis to a new midlife often remains unmarked by obvious change. Some women, however, cannot find their way ahead without the shackles achieving radical changes in their lives. The women in my

EXPANSIVE WOMEN



Mind-expanding: education can bring change

hoped for, but when she feels confident in her ability to sustain her upward stride.

A woman must confront the sense of inadequacy or incom-pleteness or dissatisfaction she has been hiding. For. in early adulthood, we try to develop those skills and patterns that make us feel compe-tent. In midlife crisis, we have to turn back to neglected, thwarted themes and try to

develop them. radical change were most likely to experience resistance to change from their partners. People who were close to them were used to these women as they once were; many partners felt safer as a woman buried her doubt, and lived with it, without challenging it. Unlike innovative women, whose families learnt over time to accommodate their goals for achievement and self-expansion, these expansive women were opening themselves up in entirely new

Several partners were appailed by these radical was the sharp drive toward clung onto their anger did so not a luxury or a prestigique pastime but, as it is for many

women, a necessity.

Divorce is always a crisis. When a midlife woman expe riences it, she meets a network of crises. She is primed, anyway, for a crisis of reassessment because the cultural idea of being 40 and no longer young demands new sources

The distress of women in the process of divorce seems overwhelming, yet their recuperative powers are remarkable. They tend to recover more quickly than men, and are more likely to use this change to stimulate growth.

SIGNS OF CRISIS: Angry awareness of the unnecessary constraints others impose on one. Increasing frustration at one's lack of skills or knowledge.

Terror of change. balanced by a terror of stasis.

RESOLUTION: Resists the pressures of others' views as to what one is or should be.

 Takes steps to expand one's skills and knowledge. Is thrilled by the longneglected experiences of development and change.



changes. Their underlying question was "What will I be

for her, if she can be these

things for herself?" Some

women, seeking to reassure a

partner, put their new horizons behind a screen. This

compromise was rejected by

older women. So often in the

women who were over 50

there was a breath of fresh air,

something positive and pure.

Eight of the women I inter-

viewed were currently under-

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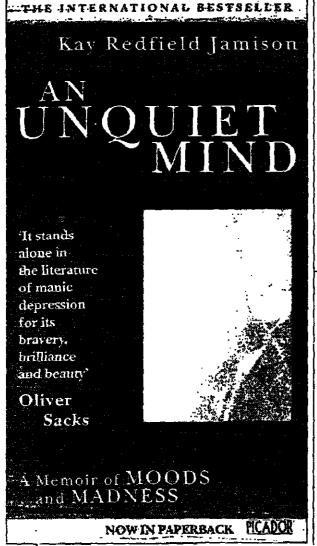
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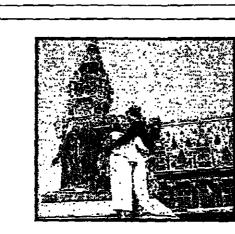
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movative women have, during the past three decades, ridden high on the crest of the wave of change. These are women who set out to compete in the man's world of work and to gain equal status. Many of them had, at the brink of midlife, attained their goals, and those who had not, still had made significant advances towards them. Yet the women in my sample, who

had come so far, were halted by a crisis.

These women pledged their intelligence and ambition towards forging new paths in men's territory. The swings and roundabouts of that social revolution are only now coming into focus. The integration of women's different roles and goals has been much harder than anyone anticipated. Just as young wornen's expansive ambitions came to life, a Inew ethos of hard work, consuming work, spread throughout businesses and the professions: Nor have demands on parental time decreased.

For the innovative women in my sample, crisis was stimulated by one of five often interconnected things: the stress of overwork; a new awareness of an imbalance between professional and personal needs; the pain of prejudice; frustration with ambitions that had been muted or disguised; or the increasingly tense conditions at work. Any of these could be the sore spots exposed by

midlife crisis. When stress about time triggered a woman's crisis, extremely minor hitches such as being forced to cancel dinner with a friend, or having no time to help a child with a homework assignment could unleash major questions about what she wanted to do with the rest of

The reassessment triggered at midlife can lead an innovative woman to a new careful tracking of where she is going. At 10, Nan Grodsky, the in-house lawyer for a commercial bank, made a deliberate decision to change the framework of her choices. She decided that she would change, because she did not want to spend the rest of her life alone.

For 20 years I have either been looking ahead or behind. How do I get there and stay there, and who is the challenge ahead and who is the threat from behind? Now I am looking ahead again, but in a different direction, and the future is empty - no husband, no children, no family of my own. I no run alongside every other runner, rather

INNOVATIVE WOMEN



Lynne Franks: a new direction

longer want to be alone. So I am taking a calculated risk. Maybe. I will miss the next good promotion, But the greatest risk I can take is to keep putting my job

A changing work environment can spur a crisis in innovative women, who may previously have been running on automatic. Corporate rouleste, for these women, brings dissatisfaction to the surface and stimulates questions about what they want to do during the next phase of their lives. The innovative women in my sample were often surprised by their willingness to diverge from long-held plans. They were empowered by a new ability to change the blueprints to which they had meticulous referred for all their previous

The leaner and meaner policies of many corporations make life tough for everyone. Employees have to work harder, under greater pressure both from a sense of competition and a sense of job security. These are precisely the conditions that many women feel unable to work well in. It is an atmosphere that can be highly inefficient, as others try to - are now pursued on one's own REX FEATURES

than find their own means to their ow ends. When women see themselves as having the choice, they cannot see the point. Herein, a crisis enters for many innovative women, as they refuse to follow the old ideals of what it is to be a career person, and they forge new paths through their futures.

The innovative women who did stay on in an aggressive working atmosphere were guided by a mission to show that they could perform well under pressure. These women gained power through their ability to influence the male preserve and they felt that in their new midlife they were taking on the responsi-bility to transform their working environment — either by finding different work or by changing their current

s she learns to speak anew, the innovative woman in midlife can change more than she dreamt of in her youth. As she redefines her own goals, she leaves behind both the male ideal of the career person and the image of the superwoman who finds that magical spot in which everything can be achieved and nothing sacrificed. As she confronts, in her midlife crisis, the discomfort of the male preserve and the impossibility of a life without any compromises whatsoever, she gains new control over the compromises that she makes.

SIGNS OF CRISIS: Sudden pangs of doubt as to the value of long-held ambitions. Panic as one sees that guilt about the rejection of traditional feminine roles has not been resolved.

· Feels trapped by one's own compulsion to control the contradictory pressures between career and personal life.

RESOLUTION: • Goals are reassessed, usually with a shift in emphasis, rather than a complete reversal.

 Feminine roles and characteristics are redefined, and those that are valued are accepted with a highly individual slant. • The setting in which one pursues

one's goals is transformed so that goals



'I'm 40, and old enough for anything'

Cher: waging war against the onset of midlife

There were some women in my sample who waged a war against age. Feeling they still had "all ton much to do", they protestthey were not prepared for it not yet, not when they had

had so little time to be young. Protesting women had been catabulted into premature adulthood — by the death of a parent, by the demands of poverty, or by an early pregnancy. Having been forced to behave responsibly, sensibly and consistently at a very early age, these women, at midlife, wanted to reach back and grow into the youth they never had.

Protesting women tend to have a strong need to express their individuality. They feel proud of their abilities and confident of their potential. but have been unable to harness their strengths. Some setback or necessity had prohibited them from exercising their taste for spontaneity and adventure. However much they had actually achieved, they felt that they had not done enough, or not precisely would satisfy them.

onset of crisis, keenly aware of looked on their peers as finally that idea ... walking to a potential history that was parallel to their actual history. They felt closely shadowed by ties and magical chances. As what they might have been, what circumstances had de-

prived them of being. Midlife crisis involved a weathering of panic and despair lest the qualities that had been put in cold storage were lost forever. It was resolved as these women learnt again to be spontaneous -- as a youthful, midlife

woman. Ellen Samuel had left school at 16 to help to maintain her father's motel as his health deteriorated. Monica Selleck became a mother when she was 16. Throughout early adulthood, each had proved themselves canable and competent. Aware that they had missed out on much of the freedom of late adolescence and the experimental stages of adult life, they

inhabiting a different world. filled with golden opportuni- nothing's going to happen, the gates of youth slammed shut in their faces, they made

PROTESTING WOMEN

strong, sensible decisions and held 'I felt like their heads high; but they felt a stab of regret at having missed out. protested at the

passing of time thev because feared the final happen to loss of the youth they never truly me again' had. "All my life I've been too young to do what I

do," Ellen said. "Now I'm 40. and old enough for anything. It's hit me that I want everything I didn't have earlier all the chances, all the choices.

And I want it now." At 42. Monica experienced a resurgence of both hope and hopelessness. "I felt like nothing was ever going to happen to me again. There was only this underwater feeling. Then

work, waiting for the bus ... and the sense that only you are going to stop yourself turning into that old woman nothing happened to, Turning 40 sent me into a panic because I knew it had to be now or never, but I could not

see how to make it happen." Protesting women's desires were intense and vague: Where would their extravagant hopefulness bring them? Four years after the interview sessions, these protesting women seemed transformed. Their gestures were broader, their voices louder and they seemed continually excited. In their newly won spontaneity. protesting women often be-came "difficult" women judged to be too loud, too sexual, too assertive. They read others' judgments of them with mingled disregard and pride. Their own lack of

they experienced, again, their newfound freedom. The war that protesting

concern for others' views in-

women waged against midlife was not a war against change. The needs of these women were not for stasis, or for turning back the clock, but for finding ways forward. These women found new "selfish" strength and control, as they, in their new midlife, grew into the youthful exuberance they had once left behind.

SIGNS OF CRISIS: Panic that youth is passing before it has been experienced as youth. Longs to act irresponsibly, for a change, vet fears that one's desires are dangerous.

 Overwhelmed by longsuppressed feelings of regret. anger and lack of RESOLUTION:

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Deep Blue crush Kasparov

e lost. It won. By now, only someone as out of touch with earthly events as a rainforest tribe or an American juror would fail to know what I'm talking about. So effectively has chess colonised our consciousness these past few days that it might be said, with scant exaggeration, that the sixgame challenge series between Garry Kasparov and Deep Blue has entered the pantheon of history's great battles: Thermopylae, Actium, Has-tings, Waterloo, El Alamein and now the New York

Equitable Center. I watched most of the games between the brooding Russian worlock and the improbably named computer. I saw Kasparov "shamed", as he described defeat in his selfflagellating post-match press conference. I applauded the men who built the computer which disposed so gelidly of the best chess player ever born to a mother.

The chess was gripping. Not since Ian Botham singlehandedly took on the Australians in the 1981 Ashes series, and defeated them, have I been so enthralled by a sporting event. At the risk of offending chess puritans

those purists of the most prickly strain - Kasparov is the Botham of the chess world. That, perhaps, is why he lost

to Deep Blue. The Russian loves to mix it. His style of play is a unique blend of bullying and brain. He glow

ers. He looks black. He sniggers at mistakes. He stares, with his profound Armenian eyes, into the soul of the opponent before him. He is the master of the psychological sucker-punch, the bluffer's knockout. It was these qualities, allied to his three moves per second, that helped him to demolish Nigel Short and, more recently, his Indian challenger "Vishy"

Not so Deep Blue, of course. How do you bully a 6ft computer that looks like a music amplifier? Kasparov displayed the full range of his body language in the first game, as if by instinct, but made on impression. The Chinaman from IBM who had been selected to make the computer's moves was the wrong target. He was probably thinking about his dinner as Kasparov growled at him -

or about his wife. The Russian lost. "Man", as some overheated observers would have it, lost too. But Deep Blue's victory was also a victory for "man". Who, after all, made the damned thing? Who programmed it, tweaked it, fed it with data? Man. of course.

The chess was very real. Let no one - not even Kasparov - tell you otherwise. Anyone who was at the Equitable Center — a plate-glass, sky-scraping confection on 52nd Street and 7th Avenue - will remember the event primarily for its chess. Every day, 450 speciators (yes, many of them in anoraks) followed the game on closed-circuit television. with running commentary

team of international masters. It was akin to a cerebral cock-fight. Watchers whooped, ciapped, whistled, gasped, Kasparov fought it out with a machine that can calculate up to a billion positions per second. People are popcorn. drank fizzy drinks, chatted and explained the finer points to their children.

Many of those attending tapped the game assiduously into their own laptop computers. Others, however, scribbled like fury into that stubborn survivor from another age - the notebook. In the press room, where analysis and argument were as intense as the furrow on Kasparov's brow, Russian journalists jostled with New York's own bruisers for use of the telephone lines, plug points and a monitor. A Spanish journalist and a French cameraman nearly came to blows over the chair with the best view, and British journalists could be heard asking the waitresses if there was any wine. There

wasn't It was a very human scene and a very human contest. Kasparov certainly behaved

An ancient

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like a man after he lost, furning a bit and blaming IBM for playing tricks on him. There is much of modern Russia in him: not for him the monosyllabic impenetrability of the old Soviet cham-

pions, whose post-

match commentary was confined to "da" or "nyet". Kasparov is a mercurial citizen of a mercurial society, reflecting in his temperament all of Russia's fears, paranoias, ambitions and yearning

XX 7 ill he, with time, ab-V there reserves of phlegm behind his new despair? The chess world must hope so, for it would be a tragedy if he were now to be dis orientated forever. Chess pundits present feared that Sunday's defeat, in which Deep Blue crushed him in 19 blistering moves, might have softened Kasparov to such an extent that his next human challenger will find him much easier to beat.

But let us not speculate. Let us not be absurd, either, in our reaction to Deep Blue. Kasparov, in his post-match performance, came dangerously close to being the Ned Ludd of the chess world. Certainly, his reference to "machine", without the article - as in "I played machine today" or "I did not expect machine to move so creatively" - appeared to carry the seeds of resentment.

Deep Blue is not the megabyte Spinning Jenny of the late 20th century. It is just very fine computer. Kasparov lost to it. He will, probably, lose to it again. Some of the machine's gambits were so new that they can only have enriched the repertoire of the chess players who watched. A game played for more than a thousand years now flutters in the fresh wind of innovation. There is no shame in that, Mr Kasparov.



Boys need watching

several. "Congratula-tions", it said. "I like to hear about other people having boys. I somehow feel the load is being spread." This was puzzling: for one thing, my gene-ration insisted that there is no inherent difference between boys and girls, only social conditioning curable by giving the boys toy Hoovers and the girls Meccano. What "load" did my friend mean? Why did it need spreading? Fourteen years on, I understand

her perfectly. My own son, of course, is faultless, but the more time I spend among schoolchildren the more convinced I am that the raising of boys presents a special challenge. Judging by the news, it is not a challenge we Take the alleged gang-rape of a girl by five boys aged nine and ten in a

ed by stories from other parents of boys regularly harassing girls and pulling down their knickers. In the same week, three boys of 13 in Leicestershire and three more in Wolverhampton were questioned about similar sexual assaults. Add to this the gang-rape of an Austrian tourist, the usual reports of stabbings and fights. and the striking story in my local paper of a cherubic 11-year-old who admitted setting fire to a petrol station with the owner inside. He was too

small to see over the edge of the dock. Awful indeed: but any parent, teacher, or hostess of growing boys must in honesty recognise a thread which links these dangerous children to the ones they know and love. Boys are explosive when combined, and mothers grow used to horrid transformations. That kind, sensible little lad practising Grade I violin may within the hour be on the shed roof with three good friends, throwing tiles down at a fourth: or on the pavement, scattering elderly shoppers like chaff as he pursues the ultimate fish-brain double-flip reverse-grind manoeuvre on his inline skates. Boys need watching. They

Their sisters can be foul too, of course: but some biological quirk de-crees that when little girls form a clump in the playground, it is usually to talk about best friends or ponies or feelings or secrets, rather than how to drop concrete off railway bridges. Girls T-shirts bear pictures of furry animals; boys have slogans like "If you're not living on the edge you're

Without a kind but firm framework of adult control, young males can be fiends

taking up too much space". An un-happy girl punishes her own body with anorexia; an unhappy boy punishes the world with half-bricks. A girl in turmoil runs up phone bills, but when boyish adventurousness and bravery turn sour, phones are ripped out. Even at the simplest domestic level, if you hire a bouncy castle for two childrens' parties, the girls will dance around sociably and reveal their dark side only in catty remarks about Layla's new leggings. whereas the boys will climb on the plastic roof and fall through, or disconnect the inflator with their friends still inside.

These things just come over them. Unless they are properly supervised. Supervising boys is hard work: it involves constant nagging, pulling-up

can hard-

and dressing-down isolating pests and helping them to see other people's points of view, spotting the victim and the victimiser almost before they themselves know which is which it involves channelling vast physical energy into permissible physical skills. It needs vigilance, patience, humour and a genuine affection for boy nature. Shrill fussiness does not work, and nor does a grudging, primitive femi-nist distaste for all things masculine.

ome women youth leaders can fill this need, but it is easier for a man to exude the right mixture of example. firmness and empathy. Such leaders have been neglected and undervaiued lately, not least because more energy is put into witch-hunts for potential "abusers" than into encouraging men to lead boys. Youth movements including the Scouts suffer shortages as a result, just as male primary school teachers are an endangered species. This is the first mistake we have made: not recognising that boys need men.

Another mistake is to concentrate on exotic crimes instead of their commonplace roots. When children rape, pontificate about premature

sexualisation and the bad influence of television. True, our arts and entertainments are obsessed with sexual violence, and parents are lazy about censorship. Even if this led only to consensual pulling-down of knickers in the playground, it would be deplorable. But the striking thing about recent incidents is not the acted-out sex, but the real brutality. The terror and pleading of the victim meant less to these boys than their gang identity. Psychiatrists may say that some of the perpetrators were victims of sexual abuse themselves, but they can't all have been:

> cant thing is that damaged, angry ringleader, they find it easier, to feel linked to him and the gang than to the adult world of decent behaviour. This is not a horror story about under-

the really signifi-

age sex, it is a horror story about the blind violence of boys who have not had civilised values painstakingly inculcated. It is not Lolita, it is Lord of the Flies.

But in William Golding's story. there were no adults on the desert island. Whereas we are here, hands in pockets, watching these children' grow up. If they are brutal, it is herause we let them be.

Admittedly, a lot of the damage is done out of sight by parents who have no idea how to combine love. and reproof. But society is not much help. It fails to provide communal supervised playing space, sporting facilities and leadership. It takes over a year to give a first psychiatric ap-pointment to a disturbed child, by which time the damage has been cubed; it organises social work so badly that even those who know perfectly well that a family is terrible can do nothing about it.

When the damaged boy arrives at school and gathers a gang around him, he may still not be helped to connect to decent values. School structures and stalling deny that the social development of children is as important as maths. Most play-grounds are supervised not by teachers but by lay helpers; some are excellent, but for that money they can't all be. Some are weak, even frightened. Why else did nobody otice boys, en masse, going into a

girls' toilet? Moreover, when parents complain about playground incidents, their worries are often belittled — and not only in stressed state schools. Our culture embraces a curious fatalistic Darwinism about children, and even very prestigious schools are capable of shrugging. "They find their own level" or "We try not to interfere". But we should interfere: child rule specifically boy rule — is dangerous. Most cultures know that, and it is actually more "natural" for children to be seen as apprentice adults under training than for them to "find their

there is sparse funding for Line kind of boys' clubs that used to soo up their communal chergies with table tennis and boxing and rowing in the docks. They find the police cautious, the courts impotent, and adult passers by nervously averting their eyes. Ever more disconnected from normal values, the beys behave worse and worse until they are old enough for prison. Then the game is really up.

What these children need is not

indictive punishment, but education in the widest sense. They need a constant, painstaking input of remonstrance and interest, example and distraction: a kind but unremitting framework of adult control. Jack Straw's new proposal to make them undertake physical reparation for crimes is a good one. It could work, if real energy and human resource were put into it. Sadly, probation officers are already pouring cold water on it: but then perhaps their experience at the sharp end has made them.cymcai.

Perhaps they suspect from long experience that nobody will provide the money to pay good people to supervise these educational sentences. Perhaps they foresee that the Government will cave in and run for cover at the first maudlin interview and compensation claim from a plansibly distraught mother who says her. sweet ten-year-old was called a rude name by an unsympathetic enforcement officer and forced to pick-up unhygienic litter. Let us hope that. they are wrong.

Tory party up to it? Woodrow Wyatt

Is Blair's

reviews Labour's

first ten days

I t was a landslide in seats but not in votes. The jubilation of the Blairites was not shared by the majority of the nation. Seven per cent fewer voted than in 1992, when Major won with a larger vote than Blair did won with a larger vote than Blair did on May 1. Or put it another way: Blair achieved slightly under 45 per cent of those voting, just one point higher than when Ted Heath won narrowly in 1970. Theoretically it should be well within the reach of the Tories to win an overall majority at the next election, despite the increase in Liberal Democrat seats from 20 to 46 When I about does well, so do the 46. When Labour does well, so do the oddities, such as Sinn Fein in Northern Ireland. Even the Scottish

Northern Ireland. Even the Scottish Nationalist Party doubled the number of its MPs. When Labour is routed the minnows are too.

Whether that theory will be dented depends, now that the Tories have been dismissed, upon how intelligently power is used by the alternative Tory party, which is how new Labour presented itself. If it shows itself more competent and radical itself more competent and radical (that is, Thatcherite) than the defeat-ed Tories, new Labour could be in for ten years. Clement Attlee used to say that a new government should do the unpopular things first so that they would be forgotten by the next election. Gordon Brown promptly put up interest rates, with hints of more to come. Middle-class mortgagors found that the larger banks and building societies had added to Brown's increase.

Doubtless the coming Budget will contain some unpleasant surprises, with tax increases by any name other than income tax. Further interest-rate increases, or reductions, will now be determined by the Bank of England, deflecting criticism from the Government. This is an amazing abdication of responsibility by politicians, who should have retained this essential instrument of the economy and been prepared to take the blame if they were shown to have misused it.

When the Bank of England last had this immense power, before the war. Montagu Norman was the Governor. In January 1925 he but us back on the gold standard: it was the prime cause of a savage recession and of the fer school hours, the gang ment of modern times, with its ment henefit. Already this Labour Government has charged in to accept the EU's social chapter, which will inevitably lead to a sharp rise in unemployment However, Mr Major iest so strong a growing economy that it could take the alternative Tory party a few years to destroy it.

> earwhile, some immediate actions of the Blair admin-There is the reversal of Neil Kinnock's pledge to send back to Athens the Marbles rescued from Turkish destruction by Lord Elgin. Remaining in the British Museum they will certainly be more carefully preserved than they would in volatile Athens, and they will probably be

seen by millions more people.

Making Frank Field number two (or is it number one?) at the social security department, to guide the hapless Harriet Harman, is a masterstroke. Frank Field immediately recognised the virtues of Peter Lilley's plan for a gradual move into computsory and properly funded private pension schemes. He said so, as far as he dared with Peter Mandelson looking over his shoulder, just before the election. New Labour has been short of worthwhile new ideas, it is wise of Mr Blair to recognise that Mr Field has the brains to learn from the powerful intellect that produced the Conservative scheme, which in its way is a 21st-century version of the Beveridge Plan. And Mr Field will, of course, continue the effective drive gainst benefit frauds so well begun by Mr Lilley, who has the most penetrating brain in the Commons. Another creditable initiative is lack

Straw's proposal to make young offenders apologise to and repair the damage done to their victims, with the addition of some public humiliation. It may be a little like being put in \$ the stocks, but that apparently worked well for many centuries.

ment, such as Gordon Brown, who has a worrying incapacity to add up. Alec Douglas-Home did it better with his famous box of matches in 1963-64.) The unreconstructed notyel-Tory Margaret Beckett at the Department of Frade will be driven by her prejudice against profit to wreak mayhem in our commerce and industry until she is removed. And it will not be long before we see an eruption from John Prescutt, whom I rather like, as we did from the not

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dissimilar George Brown. Much turns on whom the tattered Tories choose as their leader. Michael Howard will never capture the public heart: there is something peculiar about young William Hague, who is anyway too young; clever John Redwood blew his chance when he stood against John Major, Kenneth Clarke lost out through his disloyalty to Mr Major during the election campaign: Stephen Dorrell is bright but prone to blunders. Peter Lilley, on the other hand, has the potential and the time to mature impressively. The Tories could do worse than to give this polite but tough debater a chance to prove

Knot to be

THERE is terrible unrest betwixt parish and provost in the London borough of Southwark. On one side are the Shakespeare and heritage buffs who have arrived with the restored Globe Theatre. On the other are the effete yet steely authorities of Southwark Cathedral.

The trouble started when Lady Renouf, a social hurricane on the advisory board of the Globe, drew up plans for an Elizabethan knotgarden on a disused site outside the theatre. After several months of canapé-serving, she had raised £30.000 in sponsorship and was all

set to get knotting.

Enter the Very Rev Colin Slee, the Provost of Southwark, who approached the council to stop the garden. Too close to his own front porch, he claims. "He says that people will be able to see into his windows from the garden." says Lady Renoul. It is so bloodyminded of him. Why can't he just put up net curtains like anyone else?" It gets worse. "He treats it like his back yard." says Lady Renouf, "He often parks his car there, and has even out up a gate so that the public think it's private land." So strained have relations be-

come between the two, that Mr Slee has written to the council attacking Lady Renouf in person. He told them that I couldn't work in a team, and that if there had to be a garden. Lady Salisbury would be the better person to design it." At the cathedral. Mr Slee is

confident of victory. There will be no knot-garden." he growls, before putting down the phone.



and Christine Hamilton,

knife-throwing act ...



 Lingering effects of the recession have forced Michael Parkinson and Sir Tim Rice out of publishing. They have just sold their company, Pavilion Books, to C & B Publishing plc. The pair resigned as directors of Pavilion last Friday. The decline in the whole coffeetable hook sector was blamed.

Cut price

CHRIS EVANS, the television presenter, has just bought a house in Arundel Gardens in Notting Hill for £1.6 million. He will be just down the road from his girlfriend, Suzy Aplin, who lives in Ken-sington Park Road. Others within shouting distance include the former Charcellor Norman Lamont. Damon Albarn of Blur and the writer John Mortimer, II Evans feels the need to talk television.

the political documentary-maker Michael Cockerell is just next door. Evans had agreed £1.4 million with the vendor, but then insisted on absolute secrecy about the purchase. That will be an extra £200,000, said the seller. Evans swiftly agreed to the deal, which, I am delighted to say, has been stuck to absolutely.

Nurb this

AN intriguing death notice appeared in yesterday's Guardian: Morris, Christopher, 5/9/65 to 2/5/97. Of So Nurb Street, London.



Chris Evans and Aplin

Loving son of Alfred and Gloria. After his glorious student years at Bristol he went on to a varied broadcasting career before con-sumption ailed his later years. A good friend, he will be sorely missed.

There is no Nurb Street in London. Could The Guardian have been conned by Chris Morris, the comedian and satirist responsible for the recent Channel 4 series Brass Eye? "Suddenly it all becomes clear," said a gloomy Guardian obituarist.

· With his political career in reverse, Michael Portillo has been therapy shopping. The former Defence Secretary was sighted down Jermyn Street the other day, where he eschewed the more old-fashioned outlets in favour of the noisier City-boy atmosphere of Thomas Pink. According to one onlooker, he spent some time longingly fingering a shirt in a fus-chia Prince of Wales check, before reluctantly going for something more sober and a tie to match.

Italian job

IT'S CHEERS all round in the gem-smuggling community, with news that Darius Guppy, his wife Patricia and their three-year-old daughter Isabella have left Britain.



Since his release from chokey, Guppy has been living in a fivebedroom house at Althorp, the Northamptonshire estate of his best friend and best man, Earl

The entrepreneurial Earl, however; has been developing his estate, turning disused farm buildings into housing. The harn near to che: Guppy was said to be next on the redevelopment list. Guppy and family are currently on the road somewhere in Italy, where I hear they are looking for a permanent

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HORIZON TOUR

The ups and downs of a moral foreign policy

A celebrated Churchillian demand for policy guidance began, "Pray let me have, on not more than half a sheet of paper The terseness of the foreign policy "mission statement Robin Cook unveiled yesterday would have marked out the new Foreign Secretary as Churchill's ideal civil servant. The difference is that in this case, it is a minister acting the model functionary.

... Mr Cook presents this document as a new departure, arguing that every modern business has mission statements and that to produce one for the Foreign Office, therefore, underlines Labour's "businesslike approach". Behind this presentational fanfare, the more prosaic truth is that every year, the thick annual Foreign Office report is prefaced by a summary of its mission, aims and objectives. Nothing could be more natural than for Mr Cook to want to insert his own version into the current edition.

Mr Cook's main purpose is to raise the profile of four facets of foreign policy: promoting human rights, restrictions on arms sales, protecting the global environment, and combating poverty directly rather than relying on promoting sustainable economic growth and open markets. Labour is anxious to set a new tone; on human rights and arms sales, the shift is substantial. Labour's human rights agenda is more ambitious than any since that of the Carter Administration in 1976; and like President Carter's is likely to prove easier to enunciate as a general principle than to implement with any degree of consistency.

It is to Mr Cook's credit that instead of dismissing the public's desire to do something to help when confronted by disasters Tor atrocities elsewhere as "the CNN factor", as Douglas Hurd used to do, he believes that we are all witnesses in today's world and "are therefore obliged to accept moral responsibility for our response". There is ment in adopting the American practice of an annual report on Britain's work in Mr Cook should turn, in detail, in Thurspromoting human rights abroad. But the _day's debate on the Queen's Speech.

stronger the principled commitment to human rights, the greater the risk of being pilloried for double standards.

Arms control presents similar problems. Britain is one of the four biggest arms exporters in the world - and Labour is committed to a strong UK defence industry as "a strategic part of our industrial base". Contracts with Saudi Arabia or Indonesia could, however, fall foul of Labour's statement that it will not issue arms export licences "to regimes that might use them for internal repression". Faced with this policy, coupled with instructions to promote human rights forcefully, but told to make "maximum use of our overseas posts to promote trade abroad and boost jobs at home", the natural reflex of British ambassadors must be to wire home for clarification. What balance is to be struck between concern for moral standards and Britain pic?

The first thing they will get back is a 10minute documentary, to be produced by Sir David Puttnam, which Mr Cook's aides say will "give the flavour of the new Government's thinking. Eagerly as this will no doubt be scrutinised, at some point the new Labour foreign policy will have to progress beyond film scripts.

Omissions, in any broadbrush statement of objectives, are often the most illuminating clues; they reveal what problems are not keeping a minister awake. In Labour's world, the Commonwealth looms large; but it is the uncertain developments in another more evanescent commonwealth, the group of countries that once made up the former Soviet Union, that are most likely to determine whether the European continent is a peaceful and prosperous base for Britain and British foreign policy. Mr Cook has toured the far horizons. The fateful Nato summit on enlargement next month is closer to home and closer to Britain's vital interests. It is to this early test of Labour that

NEW LOTTERY

Camelot's lucky numbers are up

The ink is not even dry on the Queen's Speech but already lottery awards have a new flavour of "the many not the few". Yesterday, the Arts Council announced E8" million in grants in its Arts for Everyone scheme for 2,000 amateur recipients ranging-from mural artists to acrobats. Chris Smith, the new National Heritage Secretary, will doubtless be pleased to see that nearly £7 million of the money went outside London. If the Churchill papers and the Royal Opera House summed up what for him was wrong with the lottery, this latest disbursement has a very new Labour look. But it will not be enough for the grant-

making bodies simply to adjust their sights in a more democratic or populist direction. Much more about the lottery needs to be reformed. Any new institution as large as the National Lottery was bound to have flaws which needed to be put right after its first few years. Unfortunately the Conservative Government was not prepared to take the necessary action, seeing it as a reflection on its overall competence. The result is that people feel at best ambivalent about the lottery. Labour has a chance to bring it closer to the nation's heart.

First the Government has to address the issue of regulation. Peter Davis, the Director-General of Oflot, well deserves the epithets of "dilatory", "unimaginative" and showing "serious lack of judgment" which were thrown at him by members of the Public Accounts Committee. Virginia Bottomley did not have the nerve to replace hìm. Mr Smith should.

At the same time, he should redesign the regulator's role. The same person should not of John Major's best ideas.

be choosing the lottery operator, maximising the revenue for good causes (and hence the profit to the operator), and ensuring the efficiency and probity of the operation. There are too many potential conflicts of interest residing in this job description.

When Camelot's contract runs out in 2001, Labour aims to move to a not-for-profit lottery operator. This would be an admirable reform, providing new money for good causes, as long as the operator could run the lottery as efficiently as Camelot did. In the meantime, Mr Smith should make Camelot's accounts more transparent and close the loophole that allows it to keep the interest on unclaimed prize money.

But it is Labour's plans for the proceeds of the Wednesday draw that best capture the mood of change. Its ideas include training middle-aged teachers to use computers, putting health and fitness centres on high streets, and setting up a national network of after-school clubs. Care will be needed here. Unless ministers ensure that they are at arm's length from the board that chooses the causes, the Treasury will shunt all their pet schemes in health and education to the lottery to fund. But change is needed too.

By the turn of century, barely a town or village in Britain will be untouched by monuments to the lottery. In the meantime, public disillusionment with the lottery has set in after a euphoric start. If the Government manages to make its operation more transparent and less profitable to the operator, the public might even stop worrying and learn to love the lottery. Labour then would reap the rewards of one

SUIT YOURSELF

Informality does not always put others at ease

It is not only the Bank of England which has been liberated by the new Government, so has the ministerial Adam's apple. Informalwity, of dress and address, are the mark of the moderniser. Tony Blair attends church in open-necked shirt and uses Christian names behind the Cabinet's closed doors. His Chancellor has struck another blow against stuffiness by letting it be known he will deliver his Mansion House speech next month without the customary light white collar. There is a certain appeal in politicians fresh to office avoiding the pomposity of power. But there may be new perils too.

Although the use of Christian names in social, or business, situations is intended to put one at ease, it can all too often introduce additional insecurity. For the overburdened minister or under-briefed journalist a simple "Hello Ambassador" or "Good Evening, Secretary of State" can disguise the fact one has completely forgotten, indeed perhaps never knew, the dear man's name. In the Commons the formula that forces members to refer to their "honourable friends", even though the individual concerned might be a contemptible bounder, may seem a self-conscious archaism. It is, however, not only a tradition of charm, it aids the amnesiac, acts as a reminder to MPs of their constituency connection and can help prevent argument descending into personal abuse.

Around the Cabinet table the abandonment of titles could also, far from making ministers more relaxed, lead to poorer

relations. Dissent could until recently be directed at the individual's office rather than his or her person. It is the Home Secretary who says, "you are quite wrong there, Chancellor", who can more easily afterwards ask "fancy a drink, Ken?". To dissolve the division between individual and minister could be dangerous. When the figure in error is no longer the Secretary of State but your old ally Ron, a protective layer of civility has gone and an argument in the Cabinet Room can descend from boxing match to brawl.

Outside the intimacy of the Cabinet Room. the new informality could also cause problems. What signal does it send to the children whom David Blunkett would like to see in uniform if the dress code for dinner is ignored by Gordon Brown? How does Jack Straw's wise recognition that good behaviour springs from respect for communal values square with the Chancellor's flouting

of the Square Mile's tribal customs? Mr Brown insists on "working clothes" for his official engagement. Perhaps the Chiefs of the General Staff should negotiate their next settlement in full battledress with pistols cocked to show that they too "mean business". After all, Mr Brown's informality is not intended to put his hosts at ease, but to remind them who is boss. As fashion statements go, Mr Brown is simply saying "we are the masters now". The City should be suspicious of the real meaning behind the Chancellor's new clothes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Shell's duties to its shareholders

From Sir Geoffrey Chandler, Chairof the Amnesty International UK Business Group

Sir. At the Shell Transport and Trading's annual general meeting on May 14 a group of shareholders will put a resolution asking for the identification of a director with explicit responsibility for environmental and social policies and for the external audit of such policies. If accepted, this would be the logical implementation of Shell's recently expressed support for human rights (see letter, November 26, 1996) and of its commitment to the highest environmental standards in its operations.

Yet the directors unanimously recommend that the resolution be rejected on the ground that these matters are their responsibility.

The Brent Spar episode and Shell's refusal to join the worldwide con-demnation of human rights violations in Nigeria severely damaged the company's reputation. As a result of external pressure and internal reflection the company changed its views. Acknowledging a failure to keep pace with society's expectations, support for fundamental human rights was for the first time included in the company's statement of general business principles earlier this year (report, March 17).

This was greatly to be welcomed. Shell is the first major transnational corporation to do this and offers an example to others. But words need implementation. A critical world, which has long demanded external audit of financial matters, is increasingly seeking similar witness to environmental and social performance which is today inextricably linked to the financial "bottom line".

The matter raises wider issues of corporate governance and of the role of the shareholders in seeking improved performance. In a world economic development is increasingly in the hands of the transnational corporations, their operations will be a force for good only to the extent that moral criteria are added to the economic criteria which dictate their practice and policies.

If the board wins, it will diminish Shell's reputation and credibility, and dismay staff and friends of the company who will be left with the task of defending the indefensible.

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY CHANDLER. Chair, Amnesty International UK Business Group, 99-119 Rosebery Avenue, ECl.

Brown's Budget

From Mr G. A. P. Leigh-Pollitt

Sir, I was dismayed to read that the Chancellor is considering the abolition of the married couples' tax allowance (report, May 12). În recent years its value has been diminished and currently is worth only £274_50 to those qualifying, and this is the same for all married taxpayers, with no advantage to higher-rate taxpayers.

My concern is that abolishing the allowance will remove the recognition of the value that the married state has for the stability of our society. Most marriages are lifelong and, I believe, still provide the best possible basis for the lives of couples and their children. The various church denominations have spoken eloquently in the past of the importance of the allowance and it would be unfortunate if a visionary Chancellor were to feel he had to remove it merely to help balance the country's books.

Although the married couples' allowance is perhaps little more than a token amount, I believe its removal, allied to the possibility that Miras relief could be withdrawn for new mortgages, will be seen by the newly married as a particularly unkind and ungenerous act.

Yours faithfully, G. A. P. LEIGH-POLLITT. 2 Foresters Close, Wallington, Surrey.

Brown suit

From Mr K. S. H. Miller

Sir. Would it not be more in keeping with Tony's injunction that ministers are servants of the people and not their masters (report, May 8) if Gordon were to dress in the accepted fashion at the Mansion House next month, rather than insist on wearing a lounge suit (report, May 12).

There is, after all, an element of arrogance, if not downright rudeness, in dressing differently from your hosts in such circumstances.

Yours faithfully. KEITH S. H. MILLER, The Old Rectory, Wycliffe. Barnard Castle, Co Durham.

Beware 13 across

From Mr David Wilson

In March, July, October, May The ides are on the fifteenth day. Or is The Times crossword (No 20.477) involved in a plot to revise the Roman calendar?

Yours faithfully, DAVID WILSON Treleddyn Isaf, Bridell, Cardigan.

Election rhetoric aside, the debate on Europe continues

From Sir Christopher Audland

Sir, The Prime Minister is preparing to attend the informal summit of the 15 heads of government of the European Union in Noordwijk on May 23. and the European Council meeting on June 16-17, both of which will centre on the future development of the Union. Election rhetoric has made it hard for people here to understand the essential issues, yet they are relatively

The heads of government must bring to a conclusion the longrunning inter-governmental conference (IGC) of the member states. Its main aim is to introduce reforms which would allow the Union to work effectively if it were to take in. progressively, another ten or more members.

There is strong support, here and throughout the Union, for the principle of enlargement. particularly towards the east, so that the emerging democracies in that part of Europe can share in the benefits of Union membership which we in the west have so long enjoyed. But nothing comes free.

If the Union admits them, without radically rethinking its own policies and machinery, it will progressively collapse under its own weight. The blunt truth is, that the only way to make a Union of the kind we know to work, with say 25 or 30 member states, would be by strengthening the European Parliament and the Commission at the expense of the Council (of Ministers). Moreover, in the Council. it will be necessary to reduce the national veto power and provide for much more qualified majority voting.

If the IGC, and later the parliaments and peoples of the existing member states, are not willing to go down that road but still want an effective Union, enlargement will be imcossible.

If the heads of government decide that they want both the maintenance of an effective Union and further enlargement there will have to be much less insistence on national sovereignty, and much more emphasis on the great benefits which a solid and muscular European Union brings to all its member states.

It is a fundamental British interest that we should be at the heart of the Union and not become simply a European offshore island. It is against this vardstick that the Government must weigh the merits of more specific

Yours sincerely. CHRISTOPHER AUDLAND (Deputy Secretary-General, European Commission, 1973-81). The Old House. Ackenthwaite, Milnthorpe, Cumbria.

From Mr George Thomas

Sir. How on earth did Lord Mackenzie-Stuart (letter, May 8) form the opinion that "the election results in Britain demonstrated that popular consent for the aims of the European Union remained ?

The "aims of the European Union" are described by the European People's Party as "to continue the process of unification and federal integration", and by the Vice-President of the European Parliament as being to transform the Community into a European Union of a federalist type and [to go] beyond a single market and monetary union". During the British election the leaders of the two most successful parties both very specifically assured the voters that they would oppose moves to a federal state

of Europe.
You might conclude from the results of the election that the British people would like less confrontation with Europe, but it remains to be seen whether even new Labour can remain welcome in Brussels while they oppose the movement towards a federa-

Yours faithfully, GEORGE THOMAS, 17 Campden Hill Square. W8.

From Lord Pearson of Rannoch

Sir, As a European Commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan has taken an oath of exclusive allegiance to the European Union, which pays his handsome salary. So it is odd to find him posing as a British Conservative (The price of a Tory obsession, May 7).

He accuses Eurosceptics of splitting the Tory party and thus causing our massive defeat. He invites us to unite in co-operation with his federal ambia generation.

tions, or face exclusion from office for His problem is that hardly any Conservatives agree with him. The vast majority will prefer to unite in support of friendly departure from the EU, while keeping access to its single

market. This policy might not suit Sir Leon. but, after Labour's honeymoon in Europe has ended in betrayal and bitterness, it may win us the next election.

It would also accord with Sir Leon's earlier oath of exclusive allegiance. which he took when he became a Privy Counsellor, to the Crown.

Yours faithfully, PEARSON of RANNOCH. House of Lords.

From Professor Emeritus George Wedell

Sir, The despatch of Mr Douglas Henderson to Brussels (report, May 5) to announce the new Government's intention to sign the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty recalls the UK's original role at the heart of European social policy.

Almost a quarter of a century ago a European Commission team largely under British leadership drafted the original Social Action Programme. Our intention was to give the workers in the Community a proper share in the benefits to be derived from the Common Market.

In 1973 the Commission's Directorate-General for Social Affairs was not much sought after by the power brokers of the enlarged Community. Thus a disproportionate number of posts was filled by new arrivals from the UK.

The Social Action Programme fell victim to the oil crisis of 1974. It was put on the shelf pending better days. In the event much of it was included in the social chapter of Maastricht. Our ministers will therefore be signing many of the moderate provisions deriving from (largely bipartisan) social thinking in this country in the 1970s.

Yours faithfully, **GEORGE WEDELL** (Head, Employment Policy Division, 1973-82), 18 Cranmer Road, Manchester.

Pesticides and falling bird numbers

From Mr Andrew Hichens

Sir, I was disheartened to read in a report (May 7) on the disappearance of birds from the English countryside such emotive phrases as farmers who "drench fields in poison" and a suggestion by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds that pesticide

should be taxed. I have been farming for nearly 40 years and I feel that pesticides in themselves are not to blame but an overzealous use of them, which has resulted in loss of habitat and food sources. It is, for instance, an ugly, destructive and unnecessary scar on the countryside to spray the edges of fields, including hedgerow bases, with

herbicide. We have been involved with experiments on this farm into field margins. We planted three-metre strips with a grass wildflower mix and monitored the effect on insects and small mammals.

A number of eminent plant biologists and conservationists have been involved in the work. Although not a panacea, these measures have undoubtedly helped the environment and enhanced the countryside.

Since setaside seems likely to remain part of EU policy for some time. one would hope that provision of habitat could be a major feature in drawing up new and constructive guidelines for the future.

Farmers, 1 believe, would give a positive response.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW HICHENS. Radcot Bridge Farm, Bampton, Oxfordshire.

V&A closures

From Mr Denis J. Sullivan

Sir. The report on the dramatic decline in some bird species puts much of the blame on modern farming methods, in particular the use of pesticides; however, I suspect that loss of habitat is a greater contributory cause than the use of pesticides. We need, therefore, to address all the causes and to take prompt action.

There has been a dramatic increase in the population of rooks and crows. which Peter Lack, in his Atlas of Wintering Birds in Britain (1986), estimated at just over 12 million. They cover many miles of hedgerows in the course of a day's hunting and the distressing remains of their spoils are clear for everyone to see.

In the past the population was kept in check mainly by gamekeepers intent on preserving gamebirds. The wild-game population is now so low that predators are preventing its recovery and their alternative food source is now in the nests of other bird

The behavioural scientist Dr Nicholas Fox's 1995 report, Aspects of killing wild animals in Britain, estimated the number of wild birds killed by cats (letters, April 25, 28; May 6, 7, 10) as 75 million. He now estimates that the cat population in this country has doubled in the past seven years.

Finally, the weather gets blamed for most ills in the countryside; however, birds do need regular access to water as well as food to survive.

Yours faithfully, Latchleys Manor, Steeple Bumpstead, Nr Haverhill, Suffolk. May 8.

Zaire's rhinos From Dr Kes Hillman Smith

guards.

May 9.

Yours faithfully.

PO Box 62440, Nairobi, Kenya.

Sir, On Wednesday, May 7, 1 went to Sir, Your report on the northern white the V & A to see the Britain 1500-1750 rhinoceros of the Garamba National gallery, which I found to be closed, An Park, Zaire (April 24), did not recognise the sterling work of the park staff, who have continued patrols to official advised me that the museum staff holiday period was beginning protect the rhinos despite the current and that further gallery closures were and long-standing problems in the likely to take place. On Thursday, May 8, I found that in addition to the Britain 1500-1750 region. Far from being "left to die", as your front page header announced, every effort is being made by all of us

gallery, the Europe 1600-1800 gallery to conserve the last 30 rhinos and was closed. When I inquired at the other wildlife. information desk about a timetable of My husband, Fraser Smith, the gallery closures, I was told that the museum would not know until lOam project leader, who has just been able on any given morning which staff to go back into the park, reports that would be available to open particular the Alliance forces, who are currently occupying the park are carrying out galleries. anti-poaching pairols jointly with the

The Britain and Europe galleries are both very large but comparatively easy to cordon off, and are therefore easy targets for closure.

museum of such importance to main-

tain enough staff to fulfil its duty to the

KES SMITH With summer approaching it seems (Co-ordinator, likely that ever larger areas of the Monitoring and Research, museum may be closed without prior Garamba National Park Project, notice. Zaire), Surely it must be possible for a c/o WWF EARPO,

paying public? Yours etc. Letters should carry a daytime DENIS SULLIVAN, telephone number. They may be 60 Humber Road, SE3. faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Humphrey at home From Mr Michael Ritchie Sir, Your report (May 10) of the recon-

ciliation between Humphrey and Mrs Blair curiously omits the important and confusing fact that the cat lives at No 10, whereas the Blairs live at No 11. Humphrey already has a reputation for residing where he wants, regardless of the whims of his political

masters. Could it be that in a coup

worthy of his fictional namesake he has established his rights as a sitting tenant? The incoming Prime Minister, faced with a choice between the demands of his wife and those of the Cabinet Office cat, would surely have been advised to reach the compromise

he has, leave Humphrey where he belongs and move next door. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL RITCHIE, Bryngolman Farm, Llangolman. Clynderwen, Pembrokeshire.

From Mr I. Johnson

Sir. How disappointing to see Cherie Blair surrender to the pro-cat lobby by being photographed with the feline predator that stalks (and no doubt fouls) the gardens of Downing Street. It is only hoped that such an early

volte-face at No 10 is not a sign of

things to come. Yours faithfully, IAN JOHNSON, The Glen,

Salisbury Road, Shrewton, Wiltshire. May II.

Too close for comfort?

From Mr Angus I. Campbell Sir, The Reverend James Graham (letter, May 7), is fortunate that, should he win BT's Friends and Family" dream holiday, he could share it with a benign cleric. I would be host to my mother-in-law, my boss and my eight most dilatory debtors.

Yours faithfully, ANGUS I. CAMPBELL Garthdee, Edinburgh Road, Bathgate, West Lothian.

May 7 From Mr Graham Burford

Sir, While the Reverend J. H. Graham may be concerned about taking his archdeacon with him on holiday, what would I (and no doubt countless others) do in an exotic location with the company that provides me with access, via telephone, to the Internet?

Yours faithfully. GRAHAM BURFORD, 38 Quarrendon Road, Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

From the Reverend Colin James

Sir, The Reverend James Graham should worry; my "Friends and Family" include the whole of Oxford Diocesan Church House.

Yours faithfully, COLIN JAMES. 7 Sewell Avenue, Wokingham, Berkshire. May 7.





COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 12: The Queen visited the

Household Cavalry at Comber-mere Barracks, Windsor, this morning and was received by General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick (Colonel. The Blues and Royals, Gold Stick in Waiting). Colonel Peter Rogers (Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding Household Di-vision, Silver Stick in Waiting) and Lieutenant-Colonel Barney White-Spunner (Commanding Officer).

Her Majesry inspected the Barrack Guard and afterwards walked to the Barrack Square to view Regimental presentations. The Queen attended a Reception in the Warrant Officers' Mess and was subsequently entertained to Luncheun in the Officers' Mess.

Her Majesty later visited the The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon opened the exhibition "Land Cachrane in Chile In the Admiral's Footsteps" at the Bolivar

Hall, Grafion Street, London WI. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** May 12: The Duke of York this afternoon presented the prizes at the British American Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament at the Palo Also Golf Club,

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 12: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust. porate Members Reception at

Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, afterwards received Briga-dier Ronald Silk upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, will attend a

service in Westminster Abbey to

mark the official launch of SSAFA

The Duke of Edinburgh, as

Founder and Chairman of the

International Trustees, will give a

luncheon for The Duke of Edin

burgh's Award International Association at Buckingham Palace at 1.10; and as Colonel-in-Chief of

the Royal Electrical and Mechani-

cal Engineers, will attend a recep-

tion at St James's Palace at

The Princess Royal, as president,

Princess Royal Trust for Carers.

will attend a volunteers day at

Dante Alighieri, poet, Florence. 1265: Sir Arthur Sullivan, com-

puser. London, 1842; Sir Frank

Brangwyn, painter, Bruges, 1867;

Georges Braque, Cubist, Argen-

teuil. France, 1882: Daphne Du Maurier, novelist, London, 1907;

Joe Louis, world heavyweight box-

ing champion 1937-49, Lexington.

Baron Georges Cuvier, zoologist

and statesman. Paris, 1832: John

Nash, architect. Cowes, 1835; Al-

fred Milner, Viscount Milner,

Canterbury, 1925: Fridtjof Nansen.

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Alahama, 1914.

(29th/45th Foot) and Brigadier John Weller upon assuming the

ST JAMES'S PALACE May 12: The Prince of Wales this morning departed from Royal Air Force Lyncham for Hesse, Germany. His Royal Highness this after-

noon visited organic farms at the Domain Mechthildshausen and the Habitzheim Estate. The Prince of Wales this evening

attended a Dinner given by the Minister President of the State of Hesse (Herr Hans Eichel) at the Eberbach Monastery. Mr Nicholas Archer is in atten-

KENSINGTON PALACE May 12: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Friends of the Elderly, visited Perrins House and Davenham House, the Society's homes in

Malvern, today.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester (Sir Thomas Dunne). The Princess Margaret Countess of Snowdon this evening opened the exhibition, "Screnissima: the Arts of Fashion in Venice from the 13th to the 18th Century", at the European Academy for the Arts, Grosvenor Place.

London SWI.

Road, London SW7.

Today's royal engagements

Anniversaries

KENSINGTON PALACE May 12: The Duke of Glouces President, Cancer Research Campaign, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, this evening attended a Celebration of Dance followed by dinner, in aid of the Lord Mayor's Appeal, at the Royal College of Music, Prince Consort

Stakis Edinburgh, Grosvenor Street, at 11.05; will open the

Pringle Chinese Collection, Royal

Botanic Garden, Inverleith Hill,

Edinburgh, at 1.20; and as Patron, Scottish Institute of Sports Medi-

cine and Sports Science, will

preside at the third meeting of the

advisory council at the Scottish

Sports Council, Caledonia House,

The Duke of Gloucester, as presi-

dent, St Bartholomew's Hospital, will open the museum at the

Princess Alexandra will attend the

50th Anniversary Concert of the London Philharmonic Choir at the

explorer and statesman. Nobel

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way, 1930; Frances Hodgkins,

artist, Dorchester, 1947: Gary

Cooper, actor, Los Angeles,

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ment in America was established

The German economy totally cul-

Italian and German forces in

Pope John Paul II survived an

assassination attempt by a Turkish

Africa surrendered, 1943.

at Jamestown, Virginia, 1607.

lapsed, 1927.

SAAC - On May 10th 1997 to Caroline and Jereny, a ton Dominic Archibald Gowez, a brother for Lara.

brother on May 5th at The Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, to Hobert and Helen (uée Smith), a son, Edward John, a brother for Thomas.

brother for Thomas.
LERWILL. On May 1st at The
Pertland Hospital to Nicola,
(note Keddle) and Bobert, a
daughter Alice Margarte, a
sister to Anna.
MACRIMIAY - On May 8th to
Pamela and Donald, Ellie
Rose, a much loved daughter
and sister to Hannah.

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MCFARLAME - On 8th May to Dawn (nee Simpson) and Locksley, a son, Tristen Campbell Thaddres.

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TAYLOR - On May 9th 1997, to
Georgina (née Dangerfield)
and Richard, a son, Augustus
Michael Mezeur, a brother
for Lucinda.

TAYLOR-PEAT - On May 6th to Kim and Chris, a daughter Alice Elizabeth Dotethy.

TRENCHARD - On May 9th to Sarah (née Saunders) and Henry, a daughter, Katherina.

WOOLLARD - On March 27th to Patricia (née Quirk) and Leslie, a son, Michael James.

POLAK - The marriage took place in Chichester on May 10th of Peter Goy, younger son of Guyter and Mrs 1. Wills of High Wycosthe and Debugah Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Polak of Cobham.

Albert Hall at 0.55.

South Gyle. Edinburgh at 2.20.

Awards for gallantry and distinguished service

Details of awards for gallant and distinguished service in former Yugoslavia (FY). Northern (reland (NI) and elsewhere are published today. A list of those who have been honoured is given below, with the area in which they are serving:

Northern Ireland

Colonel Jonathan Rupert Maunsell Hackett, late The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Shrewsbury.

Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Ian Hebden Andrews, MBE. Intelligence Corps. Cyprus: Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Peter Devenish Folkes, Army Air Corps, Upavon.

Squadron Leader Michael Robert Bird. Royal Air Force. Uxbridge: Corporal Barry Kevin Brown, The Royal Green Jackets. Redhill: Major Alexander Uist Campbell. Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Abbeywood: Major James Wil-liam Denny, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, FY: Captain William Henry Eke, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, Ni: Squadron Leader Sheila Elizabeth Haughton, Royal Air Force, Benson: Major Paul James Oliver, The Royal Logistic Corps, Andover: Captain Gary Shuart Pear. Intelligence Corps. Cyprus; Colour Sergeant Bernard Joseph Plunkett, Royal Marines, retired: Staff Sergeant lan William Pur-chase. Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, London: Major Rob-ert Alan Sharp, Royal Corps of Signals, Camberley; Major Stephen Forrest McKinlay Teller, The Royal Scots, Colchester: Major Henry Owen Walters, Intelli-gence Corps, Shelford.

Sergeant John Oliver Casey, Adjutant General's Corps (RMP), Longmoor; Trooper Paul Coombs. The Royal Dragoon Guards. Tidworth: Private James Thomas Gorman. The Highlanders, Catterick; Corporal James Alexander Hepburn, The Black Watch, Hong Kong: Private lan Johnson, The Royal Logistic Corps, NI: Sergeant James

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, explorer and herald, 53; Mr Dirk Aldous, Chief Constable, Dorset,

53; Mr W.A. Allen, deputy director

monetary analysis. Bank of England, 48; Miss Bea Arthur, actress, 72; Mr Luciano Benetion, indus-

trialist, 62; Miss Rosie Boycott, Editor, the Independent on Sun-

day, 46; Sir John Cope, lormer MP.

60: Miss Eileen Diss, theatrical

designer, 66; Mr M.W.R. Dobson,

group chief executive. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. 45: Lord Dor-

mer, 77; Mr Robert Earnshaw.

racehorse trainer, 38; Mr Peter Gabriel, singer, 47; General John

Galvin, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 68: Dr Jane

Glover, conductor, 48: Sir John Habakkuk, FBA, former Principal,

Jesus College, Oxford, 82: Mr Anthony Hide, racehorse trainer,

58: Sir John Johnston, diolomat. 79: Mr Harvey Keitel, actor, 58: Sir

Laurence Kirwan, archaeologist, 90; the Earl of Leven and Melville.

73: Sir Sydney Lipworth, former chairman, Monopolies and Merg-

ers Commission, 66: Mr Richard

Madeley, broadcaster, 41; Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, former Prime Minister of Fiji, 77; Sir Ronald

Miller, company chairman, 60: Sir

Paul Osmond, civil servant, 80; the

The Rev Geoffrey Crago, Assistant Curate (NSM), Highnam, Lass-ington, Rudford, Tibberton and

Taynun: to be also Acting Di-

ocesan Communications Officer

Church news

Today's birthdays

MID

McCurdy, Adjutant General's Corps (SPS). Pirbright: Corporal Jason Pickering. The Royal Dragoon Guards, Tidworth; Sergeant Paul Plowman. The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, London.

Sergeant Paul Steven Clare, The Parachute Regiment, London: Corporal Stephen Ed-mund Coles, The Royal Logistic Corps. Germany; Sergeant Anthony John Hawkins QGM. The Queen's Royal Lancers, London; Sapper John Hosking, Corps of Royal Engineers, NI: Lance-Corporal lan James Smith, Corps of Royal Engineers, NI.

Corporal Paul Michael Beardall. Corps of Corporal Faul Minister Beaudiage, Lieutenant-Royal Engineers, Cambridge, Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Geoffrey Robert Boscawen, Coldstream Guards, Upavon; Sergeant Paul Cooper, The Royal Regiment of Wales, Hounslow: Staff Sergeant Roger Crook, Corps of Royal Engineers, Cambridge, Cantain Robert Dickinson, The Royal Regiment of Wales, NI; Warrant Officer Class 2 Peter Michael Feeney, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. Germany, Warrant Officer Richard John Gapper, Royal Marines, retired; Sergeant Broderick James Gill, The Royal Dragoon Guards, Tidworth; Lance Corporal Terence Ashley Hobbs, Coldstream Guards, Germany; Petry Officer Marine Engineering Germany: Petry Other Marine Engineering Mechanic (M) Colin Peter Hodgson, Pursmouth: Colour Sergeant Stephen Paul Holden, Royal Marines, Taunton; Sergeant Andrew Stephen Knight, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment. Preston; Marine Wilson Leon John Leckie, Royal Marines, Taunton; Warrant Officer Class 2 Michael Trees Les Adjuster General's Cores (SPS) James Lee, Adjutant General's Corps (SPS), NI; Lance Corporal David Lennon, The Royal Irish Regiment, NI: Captain Alexan-der John Liddle, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment, Preston; Captain John Patrick Augustine Mason, The Royal Irish Regi-ment, NI: Corporal Paul Andrew Moodie, The Royal Green Jackets, Germany; Captain Andrew David Norris, Corps of Royal Engineers, Italy; Colour Sergeant Ivan James Osborne, The Royal Regiment of Wales, Shornecliffe; Sergeant William James Patterson, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, Edinburgh; Sergeant Alan Pedwell, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, NI; Major Kieron Michael Potts, The Highlanders, Catterick: Warrant Officer Class 2 Leslie Simm, Intelligence Corps. London: Warrant Officer Class 2 Robert James Simpson, Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, NI; Sergeant William John Steenson, The Royal Irish Regiment, NI; Warrant Officer Class 2 Samuel David Taylor, The Royal Irish Regiment, NI; Staff Sergeant Simon Richard Webster, Corps of Royal Engineers, Cambridge: Sergeant Graham Michael Willis, The Royal Dragoon Guards, Tidworth.

Former Yugoslavia

Brigadier Michael Anthony Chariton-Weedy OBE, late Royal Regiment of Artillery, London; Brigadier John Chalmers McColl OBE, late the Royal Anglian Regiment, Tidwarth:

Lieutenant-Colonel Harnish Lister Armitage MacDonald MBE, The Queen's Dragoon Guards, London; Lieutenant-Colonel Pat-rick John Mercer MBE. The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Tidworth; Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Ralph Erling Singer, The King's Royal Hussars, Italy: Lieutenant-Colonel Trefor Gareth Williams, Adjutant General's Corps (ETS). Germany. MBE

Captain Alexander John Finnen, The Parachute Regiment, London: Major Philip Gill, Corps of Royal Engineers, Andover: Warrant Officer Class I John Charles McBride, The Royal Logistic Corps, Germany.

Captain Paul Geoffrey Gilby, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment, Tidworth; Sergeant Anthony John Seccombe, Corps of Royal Engineers,

ief Petty Officer Wren Radio Supervisor Melanie Jane Arnott, Pareham; Corporal Alan Peter Beeton, Corps of Royal Engineers, Thatcham; Lieutenant-Colonel John Robin Berry OBE, Intelligence Corps.

Memorial service Professor Vero Wynne-Edwards

ment of Zoology read the lessons. Professor Paul Racey paid tribute.

Members of the family, Professor Derek Ogston, Senior Vice-Principal, representatives from Scottish National Heritage, the Royal Society, the Scottish Association for Marine Science, and many the front senior of the senior of

other friends and colleagues were

Canon John Norman

A Memorial Service for Canon John Norman Davidson Kelly,

Canon of Chichester and former Principal of St Edmund Hall,

Oxford, will be held at 3pm on Saturday, June 21, at the Univer-sity Church of St Mary the Virgin,

Oxford, All are welcome and those wishing to attend are invited to notify the Bursar, St Edmund Hall, Oxford, OXI 4AR, by June 1,

Mr Khurshid Hassan Drabu to be a full-time Immigration Adjudicator, designated a Special Adjudicator.

Appointment

PERSONAL COLUMN

Davidson Kelly

Shefford; Major Matthew John Davis, The Royal Logistic Corps, Germany; Captain Kirsten Elizabeth Edmonds, Royal Army Medical Corps, Camberley: Warrant Officer Class 2 Carol Ann Gallagher, Intelligence Corps, Germany: Captain Edward James Hemesley, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment, Tidworth: Lieutenant-Colonel Robert ment, Tidworth; Lieutenant-Colone; Robert Charles Hendicott MRE, Corps of Royal Engineers, Maidstone; Staff Sergeant Graeme Andrew Hockey, Intelligence Corps, Wilton; Major Aidan Oliver Giles Hoey, The Royal Logistic Corps, Germany; Warrant Officer Class 2 Alistair John Hull, Marrant Officer Class 2 Alistair John Hull, Adjutant General's Corps (MPS), Upavon; Adjutant General's Corps (MPS), Upavori, Sergeant Alan Isherwood, Army Air Corps, Germany; Major General John Panton Kiszely MC, late Scots Guards, Germany; Sapper Christopher Jeffrey Mann, Corps of Royal Engineers, Chilwell; Squadron Leader Terry John Matthews, Royal Air Force, Italy; Major Paul Alfred Pendlebury, Corps of Royal Engineers, Maidstone; Brigaders Brian Peter Plummer, Iate The Royal Weich Physilers, London; Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Fusiliers, London: Lieutenant-Colonel Philip rusiners, London: Lieutenant-Colone Printip Andrew Prailey, MBE, Royal Corps of Signals, Germany; Lieutenant-Colonel Norman Hamish Rollo, Corps of Royal Engineers, Bulford; Sergeant Mark Anthony Smith, The Queen's Lineashire Regiment, Tidworth; Lieutenant-Colonel Colin William Tadier, Pennal Deciment of Artillery

Tadier, Royal Regiment of Artillery, Tidworth; Major Alastair Boyd Woods, Adjutant General's Corps (ETS), Belgium. Miscellaneous

Colour Sergeant Mark Raymond James Courmell, The Parachute Regiment, retired. MiD

Warrant Officer Class 2 Christopher Brian Matthews, Royal Regiment of Artillery.

Lieutenant Gary Ian Bradley, Royal Regi-ment of Artillery, Newcastle, Local Lieuten-ant-Colonel Stephen John Cox, Royal Marines, Northwood; Captain Harry Ar-thur Blair Holt, Irish Guards, London; Colour Sergeant David Michael Smith, Coldstream Guards, London; Major Rich-

Luncheons

Marshall Aid Commemoration

Professor Vero Wynne-Edwards
Professor C. Duncan Rice, Principal and Vice-Chancellor of
Aberdeen University, attended a
service of thanksgiving for the life
and work of Emeritus Professor
Vero Wynne-Edwards, former Regius Professor of Natural History
and Vice Principal of the university Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given yes-terday at the Glaziers Hall by the Marshall Aid Commemoration gus Professor of Natural History and Vice-Principal of the univer-sity, held yesterday in King's College Chapel, Old Aberdeen. The Rev Dr Duncan Heddle officiated, Professor Charles Gimingham and Professor Domi-nic Houlihan, Head of the Depart-Commission in honour of British Marshall Scholars completing their awards. Dr Robert Stevens, Chairman of the Commission. presided, Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for For-

eign and Commonwealth Affairs, also spoke. Securities Institute Sir Andrew Large, Chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, was the oringinal guest at a

HM Gove Mrs Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House to mark the VIIIth EUREKA Inter-Parliamentary Conference.

Farniture Makers' Company Mr Edward Brett, Master of the Furniture Makers' Company, pre-sided at a dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Timothy Hammond, Senior Warden, Mr. Bernard Harty, Town Clerk and Chamberlain of London, and Dr

Thomas Stuttaford also spoke. During the evening, the Master presented the Claxion Stevens Craft Guild Mark prize 1996 to Mr Martin Grierson, for a boardroom table made for the St Bride

luncheon held yesterday at the Securities Institute. Mr Graham Ross Russell, chairman, presided. Rotary Club of London Mr Bill Cowen, President of the

Mr Bill Cowen, resource of a Rotary Club of London, presided at a luncheon held yesterday at the Portman Hotel. The Ambassador for Switzerland also spoke. The London Institute Mr Julian E. Markham, Chair-

man of the London Institute, was the host at a luncheon held on Thursday, May 8, at the Institute's Headquarters in Davies Street. WI. The guests in Lawes Step WI. The guests included: Mr Jell Banles, Lord Parkinson, Professor illeen kingan (Camberwe College of Arts), Mr Julian Roy (Chairman, The Royle Group) and Evil William Stubbs (Return of the Londo

Dinners

Foundation Institute Mr Charles Codringson of Charles Codringson Furniture received the Production Guild Mark No 54 for the provincial range. Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Clive Martin was present. The Athenseum Lord Walton of Detchant was the speaker at a talk-dinner held last

speaker at a talk-dinner h night at the Athenaeum.

Service dinner The Royal Naval Reserve Officers' Dining Club
Captain F. Ashe Lincoln, QC.
RNVR, presided at a dinner held on Thursday, May 8, in the Naval Club, 38 Hill Street, London Wi. The principal guest was Captain Michael Lloyd, Senior Officer, World Wide Shipping (Cargo).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.C. Swams and Miss T. Bradley The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Sir Michael Swann, Bt. of Fulham, London, and Mrs Lydia Swann, of Flimwell, East Sussex, and Tanna. daughter of Ms Nolan Bradley, of Seattle, Washington, and Mr Keith Bradley, of Salem, Oregon.

Captain R.D. Barday and Miss J.E. Allanson The engagement is announced between Captain Robin David Barcley, The King's Royal Hussars, son of Mr and Mrs David Barclay, of Higham, Suffolk, and Juliet Emma, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Allanson, of Rotherfield, Sussex.

Mr R.A.S. Gradidge and Miss C.L.J. Roberts

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Major Francis Gradidge and the late Diana Gradidge and stepson of Diana Gradidge and stepson of Elizabeth Gradidge, of Netheravon, Wiltshire, and Cressida, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Francis K. Roberts, of London

Mr R.J. Ruiz and Miss G.A. Wood The engagement is announced between Rafael, son of Mr and

Mrs John Ruiz, of Monewden, Suffolk, and Gabrielle, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs James Wood, of Heywood, Lancashire. Mr A.W. Schaeffer

and Miss C.L.C. Roch The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Schaeffer, of Sydney, Australia, and Carla, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Roch, of London.

Mr B.N. Seiman and Miss S.J. Ritchie

The engagement is announced between Barry, younger son of Mrs Selman and the late Mr Teo Selman, of Malaga, Spain, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Rinchie, of Heversham, Cumbria.

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Marriages Mr I.C. Golder

and Miss K.M. Valentine The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 10, at BAFTA, Ficcadilly, London WI, between Jason Golder and Kate Valentine. The honeymoon is being spent in Andalucia.

Mr J. Landale and Miss M. Fane The marriage took place on Sat-urday, May 10, 1997, at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, of Mr. Jamie Landale to Miss Miranda

Fane The Rev William Keyes officiated.

The bride was attended by Africand Harry Pane, Edward Fane Trefusis, Chaffle, Rory and Kirsty Landale and Hugh Stanley Mr Peter Landale and Mr William

Landale were best men.

A reception was held at The Gibson Hall, ECA and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. 大きな からない からない

Lafest wills

Kenneth Morton Channer Evans, of Blackmonr, Liss, Hampshire, left estate valued at £3,006,170 ries. John McDonald Freeman, charsered accountant of Newbury. Berkshire, left estate valued at EJ.384,740 met.

Richard Chevallier Green, of Kingion; Hereford and Worcester. left estate valued at El.Sll.180 net. James Patterson Holloway, of Ruishp, Middlesex, left estate valued at £1,158,740 net.

Harold Ingram, of Hyde Park, London W2, left estate valued at E1,060,000 net.

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It is not that the Lord is slow in keeping his promise, as aome suppose, but that he is patient with you. It is not his will that any should be **BIRTHS**

BIRTHS

BERRY - On April 20th to Jan (not Mark, a son, Thomas David Mercer. RISHOP On 10th May to Jane (née Goodwin) and Robin, a daughter Sophie Anne Ropean, a sister for Leurz and Katio.

BURNETT SMALL - On 9th March 1997 to Lora and Simon, a son, Fergal Robert, a brother for Fabian and BLIRINETT - On 9th May 1997

COUGHLAN - On 7th May at The Portland Hospital to The Portland Hospital to Jerry and Setsy, a son Christopher Beck, a brother for Kelley and Ian.

DOWLES - On May 8th to Ricky and Jacqueline, a son, Charles John William, a brother for Harry and Edward.

naward.

DURCAN - On 4th May at The Portland Hospital to judith (nee Gibbord) and Gregory, a con Samuel, a brother for Melonie.

EDEN - On Friday May Pile at Debbie (née Million) and Tim, a daughter, Gebrielle

PRASER - On May 8th at The Portland Hospital to Flona (née Butchet) and Glan, a daughter, Isobet, a sister for Lucy and Alexander. FROST - On 9th May 1997 at e son, Nicholas Peter, s brother for Rosie Alexandra

GORDON - On April 28th at The Portland Hospital to Fions (née King) and Noel, a very precious daughter, Isabelle.

ALLEN - Hovey R. (Kim). On 9th May aged 85. Sadly missed by his many triends. Private cremation. No flowers and no letters phase. phase.

BARROWCLOUGH - On 10th
May after a abort Miness,
Helen Addine Colyer
Extrawiclough, and 97 years.
Widow of the late Dictor
John Barrowclough, Much
Lored.

The Rev Christopher Gilbert, Team Vicar, St Philip, Derbyshire

DEATHS

SORPAS - Margaret Mary died peacefully on 9th May 1997, used 85, at Queen Mary House, Chislehurst, Kent; beloved sixter of Gwen and Douald and much loved Anni and Great Anni. Funeral Service on Monday, 19th May at Etham Creatorium, Crown Woods Way, SSP at 3.45pm. Family Howers only, places, Dunatione, if desired, to the Schooludstresses and Governesses Benevolent Governesses Benevolent Institution, Queen Mary House, Manor Park Boad, Chislahurst, BET SPT.

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Chishaust, Chester Hospital, Chester on May 2nd 1997, sped 35 years, questly loved daughter of Rear Admiral John and Joan Beil of Wellington, Somesser and niece of Wallie, Sydd and Brian Woodman of Minehead; great and cheerful (friend of her sisters Terry Mersh and Mary Mullens, and their children Scate Marsh, Cary Tyter (nee Marsh) and Rob Mullens, all of London and all her collogues at Shell Chemicals, Chester Requism Mass at St. George's Catholic Chemicals, Chester, Requism Mass, at St. George's Catholic Chemicals, Chemical Chemical

COLE - On May 9th. Dr William Charles Cole L-V.O. aged 87. Soddenly in Mount Alvanda Hospital, Gedifford Fonestal Service at Guildford Crematocium on Priday 16th May at 10,30 am. No flowers, but departies, it desired to Musiciams Benevolent Fund. Inquiries to Leff and Son O1428 643524. A Memordal Service will be hald later in rice will be held later in

ELVERGE - John posculally on 9th May after a long illness. Dearly loved husband of Mapparet and a loving inther and grandfather. Funcal service at Saint John's Church, Yeadon, West Yorkshire at 1.30pm on Thunday 15th May Family flowers unit, Donstons to The British Stammering Association, 15 Old Ford Read, London 52 977

EMPROTON - Robert Warz-Died 9th May 1997 aged 94. Tailor, late of Sandon & Company, Saville Row. No flowers. Douations to Gleschorze Bursary Fund. Famenal Directors The Co-Operative Society. 88: Watting Avenue, Burst Oak. Edgware, 0181 982 1393

PITZEMENONS - On 7th May 1997 Cauries Outer Myles. Peacefully at home. Ecrn. 25th May 1996. Much fowed younger son of Tim and Sharon of Hong Kong. Grandsom of Denis and Jame of Limpstield, Surrey and Oliver and Manyaret Phaby of Washington D.C.

GOODMAN - Alfred (Goody).
On April 26th in Naples,
Florida formerly of London
after a short libras. Witness
Burjal at Golders Green
Causatorium Tuesday 20th
May 11222. Crematorium May 10am.

HOUGH - Madeleine (ase Foursker) died pescafully on May 8th. Dearly loved and ioving wife, mother and grand mother. Funeral Morwenstow Parish Church, Comwall on Priday 16th May at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please, but denarious for Cancer Research o'v and enquiries to Funeral Director Arthur W. Bryant, Bude. Tel: 01288 352282.

MUSSEY - pescefully in hospital, on May 9th 1997. William Douglas, aged 88 years. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium, 68 Friday 16th, at 245pp. Enquires to Revers & Pain, talephone 01865 242529

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JACKSON - On May 4th after a short illness. Sumbey (also known as Jack). Seleved father of Sara and grandfather to Nick and Louise. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on May 16th at 2pm for flowers please, but donations if desired to Royal British Legion (Shiplake Russel) clo-Operativa Funeral Directors. Tel: 0118 987 4473.

ABSLIP - Jim on May Sih, at home, after a howe fight and always with a sadle. Much loved by his wite. Enton, and his family. Helen, Tim and little Jim. A rory special person to so many. No flowers by request. Details of Conations and funeral from B.C. Baker 01883 343219.

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LADRUNY Keith Alistone, aged 92, passed away at Sallabury District Hospital on Sth May 1997. Believed hasband of Dottchy, much level lafter of Nigel and Roger and denity Grandiather to Mark. Rowma, Philip, Rebecta and Harriet, who was with him at the last. He was a truly worderful man who will be higely missed by us all. Funeral at Streter's Church, Brittord. Sallabury on Wednesday 28th May at 1200 nous family flowers only, donations in lavour oil St. Peter's Chelelogian fund of a. L.M.Ne whan, 55 Windhester Street, Sallabury.

MAINT - Sidney Edgar, died peacefully at home on May 7th aged 93. Much loved husband of Margaret and father of Gillian, Martin and john. Funezal at noon on Friday 16th May at St Mary the Virgin, Kingston St Mary, Taunton, Somenset. Family flowers only please.

Helen Sharman, the

astronaut, is 34

Earl of Perth, 90: Mr Tim Pigott-Smith, actor, 51: Sir Alfred

Alan Rayfield former Covernor

Long Lartin prison, 61; Miss Selina

Scott, broadcaster, 46; Sir Conrad

Swan, genealogist, 73; Marquess Townshend, 81; Sir William

Unting, former chief inspector, Social Services Inspectorate, 66;

Hill (Liverpool): to be Team Vicar,

Cannock Team Ministry. St Luke

The Rev Peter Green, Assistant

Curate, Brigg to be Priest-in-charge, Billinghay w Walcot

The Rev Peter Hedge, Assistant Curate, Thornbury: to be Vicar, Queensbury (Bradford).

Mr Stevie Wonder, singer, 47.

Pugsley, civil engineer, 94; Mr

BRINGHY - Frank Murphy O.B.E. DFG. FRAce (ENZAF). Former Test Pilot. After a short illness, Frank died peacefully on May 11th 1977. Much hoved bushand of Gloria, believed fisher of Richael and Angela and grandfather of Gabriel, Henry and Emily. Private Cremation at Galidford Crematorism on Friday 16th May 1977 at 230pm. Family flowers only, denotions to British Folio Fellowahip Eagle Office Centre. The Runway, South Emily HA4 65E. A Massocial Service will be held at a later date.

DAKEY Michael Godfrey. Managing Director of Stewart Watney Instruments Lid., un Mondry 5th may 1997, suchinally and poscorelly, at his home, Beamley, Infield Hoad, Ghitton, Huntingdon, Camirs. Adored huntand of Glocia, incredible father to Charlotte and jack. A dangue special man who emiched everyone's lives. Funeral Service Friday May 16th 1997, at St Micholan Cherch, Glatton at 11,00mr Family floral tributes only. Donations if desired to Macmillan Hinchinghrooks Camer Care Appeal, 2 St Micholas House, Hinchingbrooke Park, Huntingdon, Cambs. An appeal strongly supported by Micholas. No mourning doese at family's request.

PACIGIANI - On 7th May, in hospital Peter Jack, aged 77 years. Husband of Jame and father of Roger and fooelyn. Fundral Service on Wednesday 14th May at St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, Sath, at 1 pm. Family Howes only, please. Denations to St. Mary's Church of E Heoper and Son, tal: (01225) 422040.

PEARCE - Roderick Berehet Edward, on May Sch, ting-ically in Mexico aged 37. Reloved son of Mary and Teddy and brother of Abstract The featural will be at Rathbeate Pasigh Church, Co. Limerick on Priday May 16th at 3.00 pm. Enquries to 01635 266329

PIPPER - Roussmary (née Escla)
Died on Sth May at
Loadhams Nursing Home,
Farnham Much loved and
missed by her children,
Jeuny and Terence and
grandchildren, Asta, Dale
and Gey, Punsun) Service at
The United Reformed
Church, South Street,
Farnham at 2pm 14th May,
No flowers - donations if
desired to Conquest (Society
for Art for the Physically
Disabled), 3 Beveriey Closs,
East Ewell, Epsom ET17
3EB.

REED - Peter, On May 9th peacetuly in hospital aged 85 after a sudden illness. A rich and unique life. His debraking wit will never be forgotten by any who met him, especially by his sons. David, Otiver and Shaon, His life will be colebrated at North East Survey Committeein, George Drive, Haynes Park at 3pm Saturday May 17th, Family Sowers only, doubtlons in lieu to Wrenham Football Club cle Frederick W. Paine. 6 Committee Lane, Expuse Park, London SW20 SND, Tel: 0181 946 1974.

NIVERE - Michael Valentine Briton. On Saturday May 10th at home. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Smallburgh on Friday May 16th at 11,30sm.

William and Kim. Funeral at Layer de la Haye Parish Charch on Friday 23rd May at 1pm. No flowers pieme. Donations to Council for Education in World Chimmathy and Layer de la Haye Chutch Lepsis Fund. clow H. Shephard Pendent Directors 93 High Street. Colchester.

SHERSEY - Sir Michael.
Suddenly ar home on May
8th 1997. Member of
Parliament for Uxbridge.
Moch loved huxband and
2sther. Puneral at St Mary's
Church, Earetteld,
Middlesex on Friday May
16th at 12 mon. Flowers of
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5DD. Teb. 0181 994 5474.
Memorial Service at St
Margaret's Church,

ROBBISSON - On May 11th peacafully at home. i.z. Cdr. Donald John Holden Robbisson R. N. (Robbis). Seleved benchmd of Valeria, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at St. Stephen's Church, Rochester Row, London SWI at 3pns on Friday 16th May. Family Rowers only, densitions if desired to the Lord Taveners 22 Queen Anne's Gate, SWI. All enguishes to J. E. Kanyon 74 Rochester Row, SWIF 1 JU. Tek. 0171 834 4624.

SHEPPEARD - On May 11th 1997 Major General Ken Shapheari died peacefully at boxes after a long linear patiently boxes. Nucleic loved husband of Maureen (note Boxes, Cathurst), fother of jo. Heather and Patricks and grandfather of Vanesta, joundans, Jessica, Nicholas, William and Kin. Puneral at Laver de in Have Parish.

SDD. Tel: 0181 994 5474.
Memorial Service at Si
Margaret's Church,
Westminster on July 24th.
STOTT - Does Tweedle on May
9th. Mach loved widow of
Albert Houghton and Mother
of Jessey, Myles and Dinah.
Grandmother and Great
Grandmother. Funeral
private Family Research to
Jessey Wildlife Preservation
Trust, Les August Manor,
Tribity, Jessey Ju3 589
SUMMING - On May 11th,
peacefully at his house in
Cynoced, Cardiff, Gathert
Lional, Jr. Quame Summers
& Son, Cardiff), dearly loved
Hasband of Rita, loving
father of Topty, devoted
father in law of Devid and
Backy. Resting at James
Summers & Son, Read Court
Forestell Home, Cardiff mail
the Service at Lindarff
Cathedral on Priday, May
16th at 11.30am, followed
by interment at Cathays
Cancetary. Flowers may be
sent to the Fusion Home or
If preferred Donations to
"Masonic Benevolent Fund,
Eastern Division of South
Wales", cio Mr J E Bewan, 7,
Guildford Street, Cardiff,
Cit 4HL.
Siftrum Wales. Vany died Sch
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SUTTUM-VANE - Vany died 8th
May 1997 aged 79 years.
Beloved husband of Anne,
deur father of Mack, Juffa,
Angels and Alemander and
grandfather of Edward,
Fuzeral at Salisbury
Cromstudium at 2.20pm on
19th May, Fundly flowers
only, but donations if
desired to EFUL, West Gury
Rd, Poole, Dorest ERIS IEC.
TELEPER - Martin (sie Georgies

THORSETON - John (Chubb).
Service at St Mary
Aldermary, Bow Lene,
London EC4 (Mansion
House Tube) 11:45 Fitter,
16th May, Please sent
donations in New of Howers
to Imperial Cancer Research
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Council.

Major-General Sir Georg Burns, GCVO, CB, DSO, OBE. MC. Colonel of the Coldstream Guards, 1966-94, died on May 5 aged 86. He was born од January 29, 1911.

n a life devoted to the Coldstream Guards, George Burns fought with his regiment in some of the Second World War's toughest battles. After 30 years active service, which included fighting in Flanders and France in 1940. and in Italy from the autumn of 1943, he was Colonel of the regiment for

another 28 years.
He was a natural leader and proved himself imperturbable under the most trying circumstances. In May 1940, as the German 18th Army closed in on the Elemish village of Veurne (then styled Furnes in defer-ence to the French nomenclature current during the campaign), he commanded a company in some desperate defensive fighting. Later, in Italy, as a battalion commander, he took part in many of the bitter battles which characterised the Anglo-American advance from Calabria to the Po Valley plain, in the teeth of stiff German resistance, between the au-

turns of 1943 and the spring of 1945. Wahter Arthur George Burns was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, where he took a degree in history before being commissioned into the Coldstream Guards in 1932. In 1938 he became ADC to the Viceroy of India.

He returned to England in April 1940, just in time to join the 1st Battalion of his regiment in France as its Adjutant, a few weeks before Hitler opened his offensive in the West. As the Blitzkrieg broke on the Western Front his battalion moved forwards into Belgium in accordance with a pre-arranged plan. Thereafter

it recoiled towards the coast before

the German onslaught.

He won his MC for his part in holding a vital sector of the Dunkirk perimeter near Furnes, where a battalion of his regiment and one of the Grenadier Guards were holding the line of the Loo-Nieuport Canal against two corps of the German 18th Army. Burns was sent forward to take command of one of the companies, in which all the officers had been killed or wounded, and which was in some understandable confusion. He rallied it and successfully repulsed successive German attacks until the final withdrawal was ordered late next day. He was lucky to survive: a sniper's bullet turned up the brim of his steel helmet for him. After Dunkirk, his abilities as a

staff officer were fully tested. From March 1941 until November 1943, he was Brigade Major in succession to the 9th Infantry Brigade; the Support Group of the Guards Armoured Division; and the 32nd Guards

In the autumn of 1943 he was sent out to Italy to assume command of the 3rd Battalion the Coldstream Guards in the 201st Guards Brigade during the fighting for Monte Camino, eight miles south of Cassino. He commanded it with outstanding success throughout the rest of the campaign. Under his command the battalion added "Monte Camino". "Garigliano Crossing", "Advance on Florence" and "Monte Domini" to the Coldstream battle honours. He was awarded his DSO for personal bravery and outstanding leadership during the crossing of the Garigliano and in the subsequent bitter fighting around Trimonsuoli.

After the war his appointments included Brigade Major of the Household Brigade, 1945-47; Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion



again, this time in Palestine, 1947-50; and Commander 4th Guards Brigade in the British Army of the Rhine, 1955-59. During this period, he acquired an encyclopaedic know-ledge of the customs and traditions of

the Brigade of Guards, which he used to the full in his last active appoint-ment in the Army as GOC London District and the Household Brigade, 1959-62. He was appointed OBE in 1953, CB in 1961 and KCVO in 1962.

On his retirement from the Army he became Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire, carrying out his duties with conscientious enthusiasm, lending support to the local aircraft and other high-tech manufacturers, and taking a keen interest in every aspect of life in the county. His principal interest, however, lay in his membership of the Jockey Club and in breeding racehorses for the Flat. He became a Steward in 1964 and supervised racing, principally at Leicester and Folkestone.

In 1966 he was appointed Colonel of the Coldstream Guards. He soon became its much loved father figure, respected for his encouragement, wise counsel and lightness of touch. Indefatigable in visiting Coldstream battalions wherever they might be, and dining with the many Coldstream Guards Association branches scattered up and down the country, he took part in more Queen's Birthday Parades than any other Foot Guards officer. No horseman, despite his interest in horses, it was always with considerable relief to himself and others when he returned

to Buckingham Palace still mounted. In 1991, his 25th year as Colonel, he was advanced to GCVO to the great satisfaction of all past and present members of his regiment. Perhaps one of the most poignant moments of his career came during the 1993 Queen's Birthday Parade when the Colours of the 2nd Bartalion were trooped for the last time before it was placed in suspended animation in the "Options for Change" rundown of the Army. Standing behind the Queen on the dais, he saw the battalion march off its last ceremonial parade into history.

He never married, and lived with his mother at North Mymms Park, a beautiful Elizabethan house, until

ABBOT AELRED WATKIN

Dom Aelred Watkin, titular Abbot of Glastonbury and former Headmaster of Downside, died on May 2 aged 79. He was born on February 23, 1918.

DOM Aelred Watkin was a monk of Downside for more than sixty years. A notable antiquarian and historian, he shared his knowledge with generations of pupils at Downside School, teaching there from 1947 to 1975. For the last 13 of those years he was a dedicated and effective headmaster, deploying administrative and pastoral skills which found further expression in his subsequent work as parish priest - and Mayor - of Beccles in Suffolk.

He was made titular Abbot of Glastonbury in 1970 in recognition of his contributions to the English Benedictine Congregation as well as to Roman Catholic education.

He was born in Edgbaston. Birmingham - into a family of numerous sisters - and baptised Christopher (Aelred was his religious name). He was the son of E. I. Watkin, the Catholic philosopher, and after education at the Dominican school at Laxton and a short period with Sheed and Ward, the publishers, he decided to enter Downside as a novice monk on September 27.

After his ordination he went to Christ's College. Cambridge, where he had a glinering career, being elected a scholar and taking a first in both parts of the Historical Tripos. As an undergraduate he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and in 1950 became a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and in 1969 the Royal Society of Arts. He taught history with great

success at Downside from 1947 to 1975, combining erudition and humour with a great instinct for the telling detail. He was housemaster of Caverel House from 1948 to 1962. when he succeeded the formidable Dom Wilfred Passmore as headmaster.

It was a measure of his political ability that during his headmastership, which lasted until 1975, he was able to rise above the tumultuous student years of the 1900s. He liked to describe his technique of control as like that of a medieval king, able to look above the heads of the barons to appeal to the good sense of the people Although to his irreverent charges he was known as "Bushy" — a nickname given

definitive history of medieval Glastonbury which his early work promised. In 1943, hefore going to Cambridge, he had produced his Wells Cathedral Miscellany, and his greatest contribution to scholarship was probably his threevolume edition of The Great Chartulary of Glastonbury (1946-58). He was perhaps most pleased, however, with the two-volume Registrum Archdiaconatus Norwyci (1946-48), concerned as it was with his beloved East Anglia. in which he had deep family roots. He contributed articles to the Victorian County History, the Cambridge Historical Journal and the English Historical Review, as well as to the Downside Review. He also published three spiritual

(1958) and Resurrection is Now Dom Aelred had a characteristically husky voice, deepened by heavy smoking though as headmaster he made a pact with the boys and gave up cigarettes for a pipe and a rather baroque turn of phrase for a man who was such a dedicated medievalist. His great fidelity to the mooffice was shown in his last years which were spent at

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Abbot Aelred Watkin dressed in his robes as Mayor of Beccles in Suffolk, 1979

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Philippe Noiret, Ugo Tognazzi and Andrea Ferreol in Ferreri's film La Grande Bouffe

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Marco Ferreri, Italian film director, died of a heart attack in Paris on May 9 aged 68. He was born on May II, 1928.

AN ICONOCLAST, revelling in provocation and black humour. Marco Ferreri took an irreverent and corrosive view of the world. He satirised, often with grotesque cruelty -but at times with a surprising tenderness - the conventions and follies of bourgeois society.

He laid bare hypocrisy with anarchical cheek. Of the thirty films he made, many were released to howls of indignation. His work was too disturbing for him ever to be accepted as a great director.

Internationally, however. Grande Bouffe (Blow Out), in which, in an orgy of wine, food and sex, a group of friends gorge themselves to death. Opening at Cannes in 1973, its first night audience rose up in arms. Ferreri and his cast had to fight their way out of the cinema. Critics deplored it as immoral and depraved. And the French middle classes, accustomed to the bland diet of television, were outraged perhaps above all at its blasphemies against French cuisine.

Marco Ferreri was born in Milan and intended at first to become a veterinary surgeon. But he quickly grew impatient of a student's life and left university to earn a living with

a series of odd jobs. Interested in the cinema, he launched a film magazine, but it survived only two issues. He also - alongside a job as a liquor salesman - worked in various secondary capacities on a number of documentaries and Italian neo-realist features

But his first attempt to produce a movie flopped and, in a bid to recoup his lost finances, he went to Spain as a salesman of movie projectors.

There he met the satirical writer Raphael Azona. They shared an abrasive sense of humour and a fascination with the bizarre, and went on to collaborate on three Spanish films. The last of these, El Cochicito (The Wheelchair. 1960) - about a wheelchair race - was to achieve some success at the Venice Film Festival and establish Ferreri as a member of the Buñuel school of black humourists.

Ferreri returned to Italy where - in a climate used to neo-realism and bourgeois comedy — he ran foul of the film censors with his savage satire on Catholic family life L'ape Regina (The Queen Bee, 1963). But, undaunted, he continued to explore the absurdities of modern morality. His Dillinger è Morto (Dillinger is Dead, 1969) - in which he unfolds the last hours of a suicide - was considered a masterpiece. But it was in La Grande Bouffe (1973) that his anarchic anti-bourgeois themes explode with greatest

He went on to mock the disintegration of the family in La Dernière Femme (The Last Woman, 1976) and to continue his exploration of the break up of urban life in Bye Bye Monkey (1978) - his first English speaking film - in which his hero is gang raped by a bevy of women. Unsurprisingly perhaps, his films were only rarely com-

accused him of going to any excess - from the sexual to the cannibalistic - to provoke scandal and attention. But other directors admired him. "Which of us is the more famous?" Federico Fellini once asked. He replied: "I don't

know. But ask me who is the

better director." What many admired was his scepticism of all fixed beliefs and he managed, somehow, to continue to find financing - usually with the help of his French wife. Jacqueline, who was also his producer.

With his 1991 film La Casa del Sorriso (House of Smiles) - the story of a love affair in an old people's home - he won the Gold Bear in Berlin. And even though a film he made the following year never found a distributor, he went on making movies until the

end of his life. His last Nitrato D'Argento (Silver Nitrate) was well received at the 1996 Venice Film Festival.

He is survived by his wife

MR BALDWIN'S THANKS. The following message from the Prime Minister was broadcast last

Jacqueline.

The General Strike is over, though several days will elapse before normal conditions are restored. It has ended, as I made it plain in my speech to the nation a few nights ago that it must end, without conditions entered into by the Government, Confronted by such a menace, could enter into a conditional negotiation, the very undertaking of which would involve treachery to the accepted basis of our democratic constitution. Our business is not to triumph over those who have failed in a mistaken attempt. It is rather to rally them together as a whole in an attempt to restore the well-being of the thank everyone. nation. I shall without delay enter into negotiations with the object of adjusting

those difficulties between owners and men in the coal trade, which were

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Government at the moment when the

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Although the miners took longer to return to work, the nation could breathe a sigh of relief and pause for a moment of self-congratula-tion. The accompanying letter would have been written before the broadcast message.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES. Sir.-I attended (on the wireless) the Sunday evening service at St. Martin'sin-the-Fields, when we were invited to

pray that wisdom should be vouchsafed to his Majesty's Ministers and the T.U.C. I have read and heard similar appeals by persons of light and learning, and eulogies on the good temper of the strikers. But not one word have I heard spoken by any leading divine or any other prominent person, telling us to pray for and feel grateful to the huge army of men and women, boys and girls, who are keeping us in the necessities of life with such smoothness that we can hardly imagine the difficulties, and who are so successfully struggling to bring the hosts of workers to and from their work at the risk of severe personal injury to themselves, and at the certain cost of leisure, comfort and often of their night's rest. Now that the strike is over. I hope that our spiritual pastors may find time to remedy their omissions, and that some proper further acknowledgement of the nation's gratitude may be made to those who have saved it.

Yours faithfully. C.A.P.

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The Times is offering 500 free tickets,

plus travel costs, for schools to send pupils to the Junior Prom at the Albert Hall in September. Richard Morrison introduces the event, its aquatic theme,

and our competition for schools

first Prom. The atmosphere in the Albert Hall during the two months every summer in which the BBC stages "the world's greatest music festival" is like nothing else: huge crowds, stunning music, top performers, great fun. For more than a century the Proms have been introducing new audiences, and especially young people, to classical music, and today their appeal is broader than ever.

What's more, a new initiative last year gave much younger children their first taste of Proms excitement. This was the Junior Prom, which filled the Albert Hall with 5,000 school pupils aged between 6 and 14. They heard a concert of short pieces and extracts specially designed to stimulate young ears and minds, and the event was a phenomenal success.

This season, in association with The Times, there will be another Junior Prom. On the afternoon of September 8, the Albert Hall will be packed with children for a programme presented by Tony Robinson (Baldrick of Blackadder fame) and featuring the BBC Concert Orchestra and the New London Children's Choir, conducted by

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Your school can apply to buy tickets (£3 each), using the booking form on this page. But The Times also has 500 free tickets to be won. and if your school is successful in our competition we will also pay the travel costs for your group to come to the Albert Hall that day. possible for schools from many different regions of Britain to

So what is the competition all about? Well, the title of this year's Junior Prom is "Wet Wet Wet". No. that doesn't mean that the afternoon will be an extended homage to a certain pop group. It will, however, take the subject of water as its theme. Water is the source of all life, and also the starting-point for a great deal of music.

Think, for instance, of how much music has been inspired by the sea - from ancient shanties to big romantic orchestral pieces such as

COMPETITION

famous rivers have been immortalised in glorious melodies, as in Strauss's Blue Danube Waltz or Handel's Water Music, written to accompany a royal barge-trip up the Thames.

Ships and boats have also inspired many tuneful epics, from Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas HMS Pinafore and The Pirates of Penzance to Malcolm Arnold's Padstow Lifeboat and the lugubrious song of that melancholic Volga boarman. And of course the range of music depicting wet weather is enormous: it extends from Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony and Vivaldi's Four Seasons to musicals like Singin' in the Rain. Britten's Noyes Fludde and that cheerful children's cantata. Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo.

xtracts from many of these watery pieces will be featured in the Junior Prom. So we have also "Wet Wet Wet" as the starting point for our competition. This is what it involves. We have been recalling some of the classic British songs about the sea and sailors. They have catchy tunes, no doubt about that, and fine words too. But are they not beginning to

Consider, for instance, all those patriotic sea-songs: Rule, Britannia, Hearts of Oak and so on. Most of them were written about battles that happened more than 200 years ago. Or reflect on those silly songs about jolly, hornpipe-dancing Jack Shaftoe, going off to sea with "silver buckles" on his knee. Sailors, we feel, may have changed a bit since Mr Shaftoe's day. So our competition is for children

to write the words for a modern sea song. It could address an ecological issue, like pollution or whaling or melting ice-caps. It could be about the life of a present-day mariner. whether he or she is working on a deen-sea trawler, an oil-rig, or taking part in a round-the-world yacht race. It could be about a queasy experience on a cross-Channel ferry, or a cold swim at Skegness. It's up to you.

THE SEA TIMES



Children at last year's Junior Prom in the Albert Hall: this September the theme will be "Wet Wet", with all sorts of liquid music presented by Tony Robinson

Entrants can write just a couple of verses - or as many as they want. The only condition is that all entries must be written by children under the age of 15.

Schools should then select what they feel are their best entries. Up to

school. Each entry should include the age of the entrant. Our judges will be looking for imagination and a lively use of language, but they will also take age into account. And who knows? Perhaps one of the winners might find his or her

Send your entries, with the completed booking form (below left), to: The Times Junior Prom Offer, Room 4114, BBC Proms, Broadcasting House, London WIA IAA. Entries should be received by Monday June 9. The normal rules the Editor's decision is final. Please also use the entry form to order Junior Prom tickets for which you want to pay. Your chances of winning free tickets and travel will not be affected by whether you have ordered paid tickets. And it compe-

fickets, their cheques will be returned. The names of all the winning schools will be announced in The Times on Tuesday June 17, and all

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Two French singers climb into a package with the bril-liant pianist Pascal Roge (Dec-

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luck, and bon voyage!

for Times competitions apply; and tition winners have already bought words sung at the Junior Prom. A hat-trick of world firsts

explore contrasts of timbre. turned out to be somewhar

unhelpful. Although each of

the seven movements of Swiss

composer Christiane Boesch's

composition was assigned a

sin, it would have been diffi-

cult to have matched them up

unprompted, so undifferenti-

The other premiere, Infinite

Psyche, was by Lawrence Ball,

who according to his own.

programme note feels his

major musical discovery as a

composer is the close relation-

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peace". Had this earth-shat-

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Psyche might have seemed less

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libretto could be much tighter.

Hardy's approachable score,

for string quartet and key-

boards, ranges from Britten-esque nerviness for the

protagonist to New Age, neo-

minimalist lyricism for

them. It was amplification

of keyboards and voice that

muddled the diction of young

Sian Winstanley, otherwise wholly admirable as the

Alien-Child, but Gwion Thomas got every word across as the Captain, and in

several other roles as well-

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CHANGING TIMES

IN THEIR enthusiastic advocacy of contemporary music, the Cambridge New Music Players are providing an invaluable service to composers and public alike. Their rypically innovative Purcell Room programme offered no fewer than three world premieres: indeed, John Woolrich's Caprichos was given both its first and second perfor-mances, one in each half of the

Woolrich says only that his title is borrowed from Gova. Presumably it refers to the stark quality of each of the four short movements, which manifests itself in sharply etched unisons on reeds and brass, jagged in rhythm. pungent in tone colour. Each of these terse movements is a strong, individual statement, though I cannot honestly say that my appreciation deep-

IT IS now 50 years since the most famous UFO happening of them all, the so-called Roswell incident, subject of a film documentary and much press comment still. If an unidentified (and manned) object landed in the New Mexico desert in 1947, then everything about it was ruthlessly hushed up by the US central government.

John Hardy's new opera based on the incident was premiered by Music Theatre Wales at the Bury Festival. under the auspices of the East Anglia Year of Opera. He has taken several risks. There is no programme synopsis. which is admirable in principle - imagine going to Tosca for the first time and not knowing how it is going to end — but dangerous in practice: it presupposes clarity of diction that was not consistently forthcoming last Friday at the Theatre Royal. He has also composed a leading role for female child soprano, Cambridge New Music Players/ **Yonty Solomon** Purcell Room

ened after the second performance. Simon Adams's Serenata

per undici strumenti marks the return of a composer who abandoned music in 1980. Again the significance of the title is downplayed by the ence, specifically that of Bruno Maderna (who wrote a work with the same title). is barely acknowledged. Indeed, in its first movement there are superficial similarities to the Woolrich work in its gestural nature and especially its unisons, though the second movement is more inclined to

as sympathetic an evocation of the Elephant and Castle as you are ever likely to hear. The promising title - Seven Deadly Sins - of the first of the world premieres offered by Yonty Solomon in his plane recital the following night

Some striking ideas in evi-

dence, but undermined by perceived hiatuses in the flow.

David Bruce's Flowers in

Stone (title from Paul Klee).

which builds a winding down into its formal organisation.

but otherwise skilfully main-

In addition to these three

world premieres, the Players under Paul Hoskins also gave

Edward Dudley Hughes's brilliantly contrived Move-

ments in Red, and Judith

Weir's witty, resourceful Mu-

sicians Wrestle Everywhere -

tains momentum.

No such problems with

Unidentified flying diction

risk: and after a battery of electronics to set the scene, he launches his piece with a 20minute baritone solo which, in a work in two acts of only 50 minutes each, risks a certain imbalance.

In the first act, there is an element of the protagonist. the intelligence officer Captain Bradwick, suffering a nervous crisis, not unlike Britten's Governess. Fine: much of the interest in the subject lies in why people need UFOs, as many patently do. But this promising idea is not pursued in the second part, which depends too much on face-value narrative - the gruesome and unnecessary post-mortem of an alien

Incident **Bury St Edmunds**

cornse, intervention from the Pentagon and so on. The work ends with a politically correct green message: "they". if "they" existed, were warning us about the consequences of the horrible things we are doing to each other and our Again, fine, and the ET-ish

association of Midwich-Cuckoo aliens with children is

OPERA The Roswell

(there is much doubling). Sadly, crucial solos for Gareth Lloyd in the second act were completely wordless - black Well conducted (Michael Rafferty) and directed (Michaci McCarthy), The Roswell Incident is already a likeable piece some workshopping and rejigging could turn if

RODNEY MILNES nicely handled, but the dra-

into something rather more.

CHOICE

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

POULENC SONG SURVEY By Gordon Stewart POULENC said that choosing a poem for a song was a sort of instinctive thing, like falling in love. Fortunately this ultra-civilised man fell in love with a great variety of poems, so that-

front - from protound depths. to witty glitter.
Poulenc himself is available on half of a CD (EWI CDC 7 54605-2), with his favourite singer Pierre Bernac. Well worth having although you may not want Benjamin Brit-ten and Peter Pears on the other half of the disc

his 153 songs cover the water-

Poulenc approved of Gérard Souzay, Four sets of Poulenc's songs, done with tremendous understanding and character, are on Souzay's four-disc set of French songs (Philips 438 964-2), perfectly accompanied by Dalton Baldwin Ravel, Dupare and Faure are all there too, and it is a set to prize. But you don't get trans-lations, and since the poems are hardly written in basic French, you may find that a drawback.

The single CDs offer gift-wrapped packages. Didier Henry does four cycles with a good pianist, plus three (Poulenc in his enfant terrible guisel with an instrumental ensemble (REM 311105). Very eniovable.

njoyable. Le Bal masqué, a witty plece which used to cheer Poulenc up if he was feeling down, also comes on François Le Roux's disc from Decca (Decca 452

666-2). Not all vocal music, but a charmer, with sophisticated one to get.

first-time buying this is the

the fine Tel jour, telle nuit. Beautifully sung and played, with admirably detailed French style. There are hints of over-refinement — Poulenc wanted his music performed as if it were being improvised but his music will take it. The other disc Voyage 2 Paris (Hyperion CDA 66147. £14.49), ranges happily through the sones. Lott is the lead singer with the Songmakers' Almanac, singing almost everything If you're

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THEATRE

Jeremy Sams has history on his mind, as he directs a new production of Marat/Sade for the National



OPINION

Bernard Levin once met Maria Callas. Which is why he doesn't believe in the new West End play, Master Class





■ POP

Aerosmith fall short of their reputation as the world's greatest party band in a lacklustre Manchester gig



■ TOMORROW

From the bright lights of Broadway: Benedict Nightingale reports on the latest New York shows

Talking over the asylum

THEATRE: Heather Neill meets Jeremy Sams, director of the NT's new staging of Marat/Sade

riter, composer, pianist, translator and director, Jeremy Sams is iccustomed to various landages and disciplines, which is perhaps why he can say of directing Marat/Sade for the National Theatre: "It's only on one level, really, it's about etiting on a play in an asylum during the French Revolution. Peter Weiss's play. The Per-secution and Assassination of Marat as Portrayed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton under the Direction of the Marquis de Sade, was made famous here in Peter Brook's 1964 RSC production, part of the Theatre of Crocky season. It featured a scarcely known young actress called Glenda Jackson as Charlotte Corday, the woman from Caen who murdered the French revolutionary leader Jean Paul Marat in his bath.

We've gone back to the German." Sams says. "Peter Brook put a slant on the script -as every director does - and suppressed and rearranged scenes. The published text is a record of his production." Apart from the author, who died in 1982, most of the creative team from the 1960s is still around. Back then, Adri-an Mitchell contributed verse to Geoffrey Skelton's English translation, and does so again. We've cnoked the books a bit: for instance, the orchestra is visible throughout, so Adrian Sams says, and quotes with relish. Our orchestra - the cream of their profession -in liable to clinical depres-

ultimate play-within-a-play. The inmates of the asylum at Charenton mount a performance for visitors, acting out the murder of the Jacobin Marat by Corday, of the rival revolutionary faction, the Girondists. The playwright is Sade, an inmate, and the characters are played by pa-

tients suffering from a variety of mental illnesses. Corday is narcoleptic, given to falling asleep without warning; Ma-rat is played by a paranoiac; the Girondist Duperret by an

erotomaniac. "The first thing we investi-gated," Sams says, "was who the actors, the characters beneath the characters, are. And what tricks is the marquis pulling? How is he trying to influence and manipulate his actors, and how will they respond to that? Why, for instance has the marquis given the Corday character

> **6** Sade causes the lunatics pain, but he doesn't care 🤊

lines about sleep? The part is either going to screw her up or liberate her. And it's the same for all of them. Sade doesn't know how it's going to get out of control, but he knows there's a spin on it. Sex is the wild card in the asylum. He causes the lunatics pain, but he doesn't care he thinks of them as disposable." The marquis, of course, plays himself. He has devised dialogues with Marat to air his views on nature, ethics, sexuality, politics and imagination.

Richard Peasless origi. The NT actors each worked wonderful masse will up a dessier on his or her page agan cause a trisson. Inmate character. The experiment of the piece, set in 1808, is the ence of rehearsal has been. says Sams, intense, personal, often painful. There are parallels between acting and lunacy — making something up and calling it 'real', inventing an intact alternative reality." So here are the actors, playing lunatic actors playing revolutionary figures, drawing on their own experience as actors

and "actors". What was that about one level?

Sams is aware of historical resonances, those of the 1960s as well as the 1800s. "The shadows of Auschwitz and Hiroshima hang heavily over the work. It was still a time of German expiation for the war although Weiss wasn't part of that: he had gone into exile in Sweden in 1938]. The Bomb is ever-present, especially in the description of the guillotine. For Weiss, Napoleon was Hitler. Audiences supply their own resonances and references, but it seems as relevant now as ever."

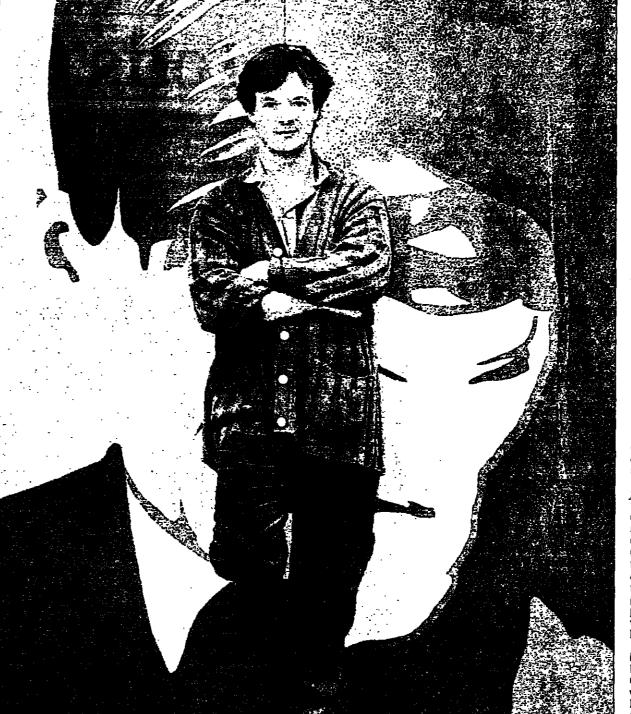
The premise of Marat/ Sade is historically accurate: "There were plays put on at Charenton, Sade was a patient there and did write plays for the inmates. People came to scoff and went away amazed. Actors from the Comedie Française used to guest star with the lunatics. Drama therapy was part of the treatment."

If this seems humane and

modern, it was an effect of the French Revolution; all people, including lunatics, had rights. Coulmier, the asylum director, wanted to show off what strides his patients were

ams has investigated the reality of life for asylum inmates, especially their pecking order "It's not what you'd think. The guards are quite low. And, of course, in the play Sade is at the top of the tree." Sade, as played by David Calder, has such a powerful manipulative presence that Sams has found himself, only half jokingly, deterring to him as director.

Charenton will be suggested on the Olivier's in-the-round space, with 31 performers in view throughout "You feel observed all the time - you can't play tricks as much but it's liberating," Sams says. He is anxious to avoid a freakshow effect. "I want people to say 'I know what it's like to feel that much pain'."



"It's on one level, really, it's about putting on a play in an asylum during the French Revolution," says Jeremy Sams

Singing no one's praises

SECOND

OPINION:

Bernard Levin on the fact and fiction of Callas

h yes, but you didn't hear Callas in her prime, and I did. More. much more, I went behind the curtain after the cheers had died out and I brought her a posy of flowers, and she kissed me on the cheek. Indeed, so besofted was I, I went to Italy to hear her in Rome, but this time I didn't get a kiss. Ah well. We have Patti

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LuPone in Master Class, at the Queens Theatre, and I have to say, with heavy heart, that although LuPone is a very good actress, to turn her into Callas was something of a disaster. Indeed, I thought for a moment that I was witnessing a pleasant German Haus-

frau stirring the pot.
The truth is that LuPone does not look like Callas, does not sound like Callas, and does not sing like Callas. (Well, we can excuse the third mistake.) The truth is that Master Class has not enough matter; we could see all the players straining to fill up the play, but they can't: we were watching a play that should have been half a play.

There are a number of good bits; and one tremendous bit. It was Callas being forced by Onassis (who, I should think, was one of the most revolting human beings ever to walk on earth) to have an abortion when she was carrying his child. LuPone took that pas-sage so powerfully that the whole theatre froze — not even a cough.

But as I was saying, I heard Callas in her prime, and you didn't. Sorry.

POP: Golden oldies party on; and America honours its rock legends

n theory, hard rock survivors. Aerosmith are the ultimate party animal. In their Seventies heyday, this party involved heavy drug and alcohol abuse. Since cleaning up a decade ago, however, the Boston quintet have supposedly channelled all that libidinous energy into their music. Cleverly combining their gritty, bluesy roots with the more polished heavy rock of the Eighties, they conquered the MTV genera-

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tion and became living leg-ends of lucrative iongevity. Recently, though, cracks started appearing in this fairy tale. Aerosmith came close to splitting after parting company with their long-serving manager, Tim Collins. Collins subsequently claimed that singer Steven Tyler was using drugs again, rumours fuelled by the lengthy and tortuous record-ing of the band's latest album

A case of bop till they drop

Nine Lives. Indeed, even the title sounds like a knowing allusion to the singer's reputation for Dionysian excess.

But whatever the truth. Tyler looked absurdly healthy when Aerosmith played Manchester's Nynex Arena on Saturday. He remains a remarkable per-former, his 50-year-old body lean and compact, his face simultaneously feminine and feral. Although frequently likened to Mick Jagger, he is more like a shaggy-maned Rudolf Nureyev, while his pireless strutting and saccharine harmonising recall the perfectionist showmanship

Aerosmith Manchester

of Freddie Mercury. The rest of the band, alas, proved less charismatic. In a lethargic first half-hour, Aerosmith failed to ignite much enthusiasm with either their former smash hit Love in an Elevator or their current, more clumsy single, Falling in Love is Hard on the Knees. Perhaps the juvenile puns and lascivious innuendos simply sounded ridiculous coming from middle-aged men, or maybe they just

weren't trying. Admittedly the excitement did escalate through this 90-minute show, but it was a bumpy ride. Faster tracks from the new album such as Sweet Taste of India or The Farm were competently played but devoid of any spark. The melodic power ballads, an Aerosmith speciality, proved more digestible, with new composition Hole in my Soul holding its own against the sombre classic Janie's got a Gun and the majestic selfpity of Crying.

Marat/Sade is intensely

theatrical, with music, move-

ment, debate, sex, violence and

suspense. "It's a gala piece,"

Sams says. "It is every genre

put on at Charenton and all at

• Marat/Sade opens tomorrow at the National Theatre, South

Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252)

But despite these sporadic highlights Aerosmith fell short of their reputation as the world's greatest party band. By the time they bowed out with their most celebrated hit, the funky Walk this Way, half the audience were already taking their advice and heading for the exits.

STEPHEN DALTON

Bum note in the harmony

Derhaps the most enduring image of last week's fulsome, if sometimes overblown 12th annual induction ceremony to the rock'n roll Hall of Fame in Cincinnati, Ohio, belonged to a group that didn't perform on the night. But what stayed with you was the sight of a bleached Michael Jackson anxiously squeezing close to Diana Ross, while keeping a small but noticeable distance from his brothers.

Minutes before, the giant television screen had shown vintage footage of an elfin-faced Michael leading the Jackson Five through their greatest hits. Back together, Michael, Tito, Jackie, Marlon and Jermaine paid tribute to Motown boss Berry Gordy, who joined them on stage. "He promised us four No l records," said Michael, "and he deliv-

ered them all." At least Jackson, having achieved superstardom while still, so to speak, in short panis, had the advantage of youth over most of the evening's other inducte.s. As we were reminded by Jann Wenner, the Hall of Fame chairman and founder of Rolling Stone, it was now a staggering 30 years since the

John Clarke at the Rock'n'roll Hall of

Fame awards in Ohio

summer of love. So, when 1960s icons Crosby, Stills and Nash appeared to collect their well-earned award, it was a shock to see a middle-aged and paunchy David Crosby and a greying Stephen Stills and Graham Nash. But the magic was rekindled once the group performed, and the three-part harmonies

came winging down from the stage. There was more harmony from the rock survivors who gained the biggest ovation of the night, the Bee Gees, who within the space of a few minutes managed to reprise To Love Somebody; Mussachusetts, Words, How Deep is Your Love, Jive Talkin', Stayin' Alive,

and You Should be Dancing. It was hard not to warm to an event which celebrated the major stars of rock. but also paid tribute to its roots. Gospel queen Mahalia Jackson was honoured by a heartfelt version of her Didn't it

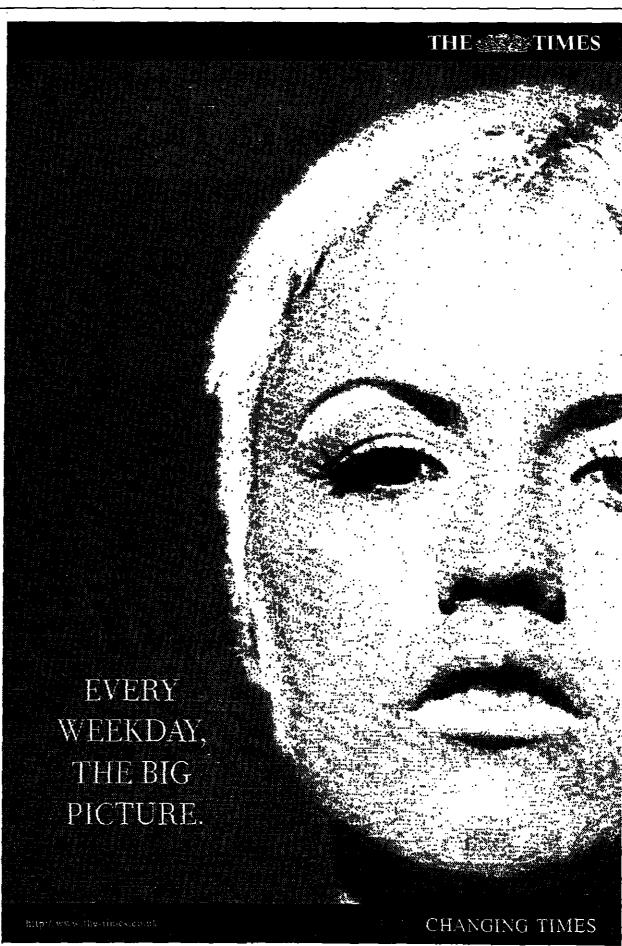
Rain by Mavis Staples, and bluegrass pioneer Bill Monroe was remembered by Ricky Skaggs and Emmylou Harris duetting to superb effect on Blue Moon of Kentucky.

But it was perhaps the roots of funk that came over best in the stunning opening set by the George Clinton-led Parliament/Funkadelic. Dressed in a large white wig and giving a sledgehammer demonstration of what P-Funk was all about, Clinton and the band proved one of the more worthy award winners.

It was a view shared by the man who inducted them, the small but perfectly formed artist formerly known as Prince. "I went to see them and they frightened me," he said, which probably explained

why he looked so nervous.

But it was an evening which in the end left you flat rather than inspired. Missing was a sense of rebellion that had fuelled this rock'n'roll revolution. If pop is about Michael Jackson receiving awards, it is also about Jarvis Cocker showing us his backside. On a night when performances were respectful rather than galvanising, a touch of Jarvis was desperately needed.





VISUAL ART 1

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VISUAL ART 3

, while Bill Jacklin's views of New York are given space at Marlborough Fine Art ...



■ VISUAL ART 4

, and the postwar bohemian art of -F.N. Souza is the subject of a retrospective at Julian Hartnoll

AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

BILL JACKLIN has recently been the only non-American artist (out of 24) to produce work for the new airport at Washington DC. He suspects that nobody remembered he was not American – after all, he has been living mainly in New York since 1984. In fact, he does

not come over in his new exhibition. New York City -The Collective Image, as decidedly of any particular nationality. And yet, al-though his subject is New York, his manner is not quite that of a native. As Hockney in Los Angeles saw aspects, beauties even, that would strike no American as extraordinary, so Jacklin retains the outsider's heightened awareness. But more importantly he re-mains, for all his acute observation, the kind of artist who carries his own world round with him, and constantly recreates it. In Jacklin's New York, as in Jacklin's Hong Kong a couple of years back, and once in Jacklin's London or Jacklin's Oxfordshire, there are strong contrasts, almost a pitched battle, between the light and the dark. His people become patterns, just as, when he turned from minimal abstraction to representation, his patterns be-

came people. The constancy

of inspiration is extraordinary: the light moves round the canvas; the eye seems to go in and out of focus as it travels over a crowded audience with flags or the teeming passengers in Grand Central Station. This is one of his best shows, brilliantly inventive, rigorously consistent with what has gone

Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, WI 10171-629 5161), until May 31

☐ TITLES of shows probably do not matter very much, provided they produce the right general effect. The word "treasures" in a title suggests gold and glitter. and will usually bring in the punters, but woe betide any treasures show which does not deliver its due quota. "Splendours", as in the current Spink show Splendours of the East, is less committal. perhaps more refined. What you might expect, given that the show consists of Indian and Islamic works of art, is the elaborate and the ornate. gilt rather than gold, semiprecious rather than precious. That is precisely what the show delivers. There are richly polychrome Turkish tiles, intricately chased ceremonial weapons, jade and enamel and, perhaps most fetching of all, some splen-

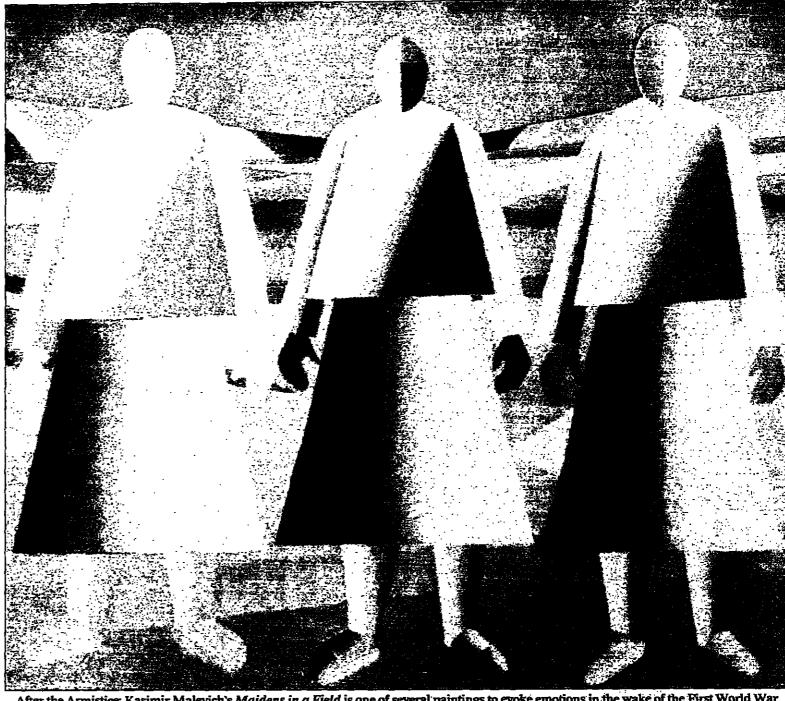
did European-influenced ivory pieces from the subcontinent. Notable among these are an exquisite 17thcentury cabinet from Sri Lanka. with carved decorations of Adam and Eve no doubt suggested by contemporary Dutch woodcuts, and quaint painted model oup from early 19th-centu-India, commemorating the reception of a British official by a local ruler. Who would have thought splendours could be so much fun? Spink. 5 King Street St. James's. SW1 (0171-930 7888). until May 23

DURING his heyday on the London art scene in the Fifties and Sixties, Francis Newton (generally known simply as F.N.) Souza always seemed to have something exotic about him. This was no doubt because there was something exotic: he came from Goa, and showed evidence sometimes, not only of a luxuriant, subtropical imagination, but of more specific reference to both the Portuguese and the Indian strands in that curious and complex culture. All the same, he spoke the language of the tribe, and the London tribe then was frequently gathered round the kitchen sink. The scratchy, angular style of draughtsmanship in vogue at the time is much in evidence in the retrospective at Julian Harmoll. Although the full-breasted naked women look a bit baroque for the average bed-sit, the austerities of that faraway pre-Beatle period still peek what happened next is not completely answered, but we gather that he went to America and became a hermit. With the renewal of interest in the art of postwar bohemia, this seems the perfect moment for reassessment. Julian Hartnoll, 14 Mason's Yard, SWI (0171-839 3842). until May 24

Russell Taylor

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork on Berlin's revelatory 20th-century show

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ntil its sudden cancellation, by far the biggest London exhibition of the year was scheduled as The Age of Modernism. In an unprecedented act of collaboration, the Royal Academy would have joined forces with the Hay-ward Gallery, the Whitechap-el Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery to present an autumn blockbuster. Twentieth-century art at its most innovative was to be surveyed through more than 400 works. charting the revolutionary changes in this fragmented, perpetually restless era.

Difficulties with securing loans for long periods meant that, in the end, this extraordinarily ambitious show is only being staged at its initial venue in Berlin: the mighty Martin-Gropius-Bau, a lavishly embellished 19th-century showpiece. In the main, it display all four sections of the

exhibition without strain. Despite the wrist-cracking weight of the catalogue, and the unwise claim that 'a comprehensive survey" is on offer, the show is ruthlessly selective. It had to be. A more inclusive approach would result in appalling congestion, along with an inability to give landmark achievements the prominence they deserve. The omissions were bound to be painful, and some are puzzling. Only eight British artists are on view, most of them represented by a single work. The show is an overwhelmingly male affair, with nine women and IZI men. Early 20th-century sculpture is hard to find, while contemporary practitioners as eminent as Anthony Caro are nowhere. No artist under 40 has been included, thereby ensuring that the provocative new art of the 1990s is much missed.

To set against these frustrating lacunae, though, the show has an awesome abundance of first-rank work. The initial section, Reality and Distortion, opens with a formidable Seased Female Nude by Picasso. Painted in 1908, just after the explosive advent of Les Demoiselles d'Avignon, this figure announces the birth of a rough-newn, parbaric vision. Picasso's uncompromising toughness is paired with the lyrical audacity of Matisse at the same period. But the rest of the show proves that its selectors. Christos Joachimides and Norman Rosenthal, prefer Picasso to his great rival

and exclude Matisse's radiant

late cut-outs altogether.

The Cubist room is marvellous, emphasising the austere melancholy of Picasso's grea Accordionist by juxtaposing it with the clangorous exuberance of Delaunay's The Eiffel Tower. The machine age is celebrated in all its dynamism next door, where the Futurists fill their space with rapturous energy. And Expressionism is given still more prominence, even if Lehmbruck's attenuated busts contrast oddly with rasping images of cabaret and circus performers by Kirchner

and Nolde. The trauma of the First World War should have been given greater emphasis. But Kokoschka's vulnerable Knight Errant, no less than Kirchner's stabbing vision of naked, vulnerable artillerymen in the shower-room, are both outstanding. When the post-Armistice "return to orders* arrives, it is

marised by Picasso's monumental classicism. Maleis an vich's peasant girls lined up like meawesome tallic soldiers, and an arresting picabundance ture of running athletes by the here of Russian Alexander Deineka, the only first-class unfamiliar name in the exhibition. material 9 Does he really deserve a place

here? The question needs asking, when so many better-known artists have been excluded. Pressures of space suddenly become impossible to ignore in the overcrowded rooms devoted to portraiture. But among the throng of canvases, a neurotic Schiele, a wistful Modigliani and a baleful Beckmann stand out. Spencer's merciless Self-Portrait with Patricia Preece looks thoroughly at home next to Dix and the equally steely Schad. So does Freud's The Painter's Mother, one of the linest later works by an artist whose early years were spent

in Berlin. After such a dense display, I was relieved to encounter the open-plan layout of the second section. Its presiding genius is Duchamp, whose subversive ready-made objects bought on shopping sprees are still so influential. The interplay between Dada and Pop Art, with their shared love of everyday trash, is rewardingly explored. Early Rauschenberg here seems like the heir to Schwitters, while Warhol's stacked Brillo Pad boxes descend directly from Duchamp's department-store purchases.

Even so, Warhol's lacerating car-crash pictures mark him out from Duchamp's witty provocation. As the section proceeds, the mood darkens even further. Kienholz's Illegal Operation, furtively lit by a single bulb, is unbearably sad and squalid. All the props in Beuys's theatrical Earthquake in the Palace seem about to be pulverised, and the scrap-metal rocket-launchers by the short-lived Pino Pascali bristle with the Cold War tensions of the 1960s.

Above all, though, the diver-sity of materials shows just how liberating Duchamp was. Nauman's nimble readiness to move from aluminium to neon tubing and video would be unthinkable without Du-

champ's example. Upstairs, a startlingly different direction is ex-plored. If Picasso's 1908 masterpieces

6 There made the opening downstairs room so powerful, here Kandinsky's stunning early abstractions have a similar impact. His two grandest Compositions, on loan from Moscow and St Petersburg. were both painted in 1913. For all their obsession

> and the Last Judgment, they are an ecstatic proclamation. For the artist's freedom to enter an abstract universe, and roam around its gravityflouting expanses, is claimed with exhilarating panache. Never again would Kandinsky paint with such sensuous:

with apocalypse

ivacity. Malevich's nearby black-on-white paintings of a square, a circle and a cross appear forbidding and crudely handled by comparison. His extremism, though, still has the ability to astound. However many references to sound waves, aeroplanes and football players may lurk in these austere paintings, their insis-tence on purged, primal form is revolutionary.

So is the work of his most zealous Russian contemporaries. Their paintings, especially between 1916 and 1918, seem to prophesy later developments. Rozanova anticipates both Newman and Rothko, Popova looks forward to Matisse's final period, and Matiushin's astonishing Movement in Space lays the foundation for all the stripe paintings of the

The urge to concentrate on ishes at times of international crisis. Kandinsky and the other Russians did much of their finest work during the First World War. In New York Abstract Expressionism flowered when the Allied struggle against Hitler was at its bloodiest. The turmoil of war nurtured the tempestuousness of Pollock and de Kooning, but it also impelled Newman and Reinhardi to pare their canvases down to absolute essentials. They, in turn, helped to encourage the Minimalists, and Richard Long's Standing Stone Line holds its own with ease near Andre's cracked wooden posts and Judd's gleaming industrialised units

Irrational impulses could not, however, be held in abeyance everywhere. De Chirico, the founding father of the final section, inaugurated the Modernist love affair with dreams. Surrealism is well represented, in the free-association looseness of Miró as much as the painstaking precision of Dali. But I was especially fascinated by the later rooms, where Moore's dream-like strangeness is well-emphasised at the expense of his familiar earth mother obsession. Hopper, who could so easily

have appeared in a Realist context, is presented here almost as a visionary. I enjoyed the unpredictable pairing of Morandi with Balthus. Kieier's anguished meditations on the legacy of Fascism have never been seen in a Surrealist light before. But his forest painting can be linked with Ernst and his empty, echoing hall with de Chirico. As for Viola's Anthem, its howlingwolf soundtrack, snake in the tree, eye operation and soundlessly screaming girl all prove that video art can be as unsettling as a nightmare.

This epic, constantly illuminating exhibition closes on a hallucinatory note, with Robert Gober's trousered leg projecting from a blank, white wall. It looks like the severed limb of a corpse, as snuffedout as the candle rising so inexplicably from the equally water flesh. Against all the odds, though, the candle also sounds a stubborn note of faith. The century's art may be coming to an end with mortal-ity in mind, but its ability to haunt us remains as potent and unpredictable as ever.

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A new staging of J.M. Barrie's classic Peter Pan is one of the highlights of Glasgow's Mayfest

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LONDON GALLERIES

Here's one I performed earlier

to London on Saturday and there are two things to report. The first is the show the audience enjoyed at the Festival Hall. They saw one of the enduring theatre artists of the 20th century, the man who has made a style of white-faced mime his own personal brand. Indeed, they applauded the very first appearance of this figure. ed in his trademark white tunic, bell-bottom flares flapping, white dance shoes splayed, greasepaint-

Marcel Marceau Festival Hall

gashed mouth agrimace. They chuck-led, sighed and held their breath as he went through paces familiar from the past 50 years.

The first half comprised some of Marceau's mimodramas, including The Painter, The Small Cafe and Youth, Maturity. Old Age and Death. The audience adored these bijou studies sketching patterns of hope and defeat. They were even more enamoured of the pieces in the second half, featuring Marceau's creation Bip, for which he dons a small grey tunic and concave top hat replete with red flower.

Marceau's international tour celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of his first piece of Bippery. Various old favourites were there: Bip as liontamer. Bip as a street musician. Bip and the dating service. The ovation at: the end was for a lone performer who creates a world of feeling and metaphor out of the simple dynamics of pesture.

Now to report the show your critic. saw. Here was a mime going through too-familiar motions. Here was the

s a festival Mayfest is a A queer beast, expension depending on the perceived appente for its offerings, yet still chasing its tail in search of a solid identity. Ring out the old, bring in the new could be the theme of this year's two major. productions, which see the Tron Theatre's new artistic. Only an authem gets them on. director, Irina Brown, setting first production, a bizarrely unsettling post-glasnost Russian play, while Tony Graham

company with a new Peter This spirit of change is mirrored in Alexei Shipenko's I Lavochkin-5, set among the confused debris of a Russia knee-deep in change, but clinging to its former glories for dear life. Miriam Karlin plays an ancient relic of the aristocracy, incontinent and bed-bound. Her former flyingace son, played by David Hargreaves, swigs eau de cologne in between recounting old soldiers' tales of piloting the lighter aircraft that gives the play its title. This is too

classic a symbol of liberation,

bows out of TAG theatre

Marcel Marceau, cocooned in the fug of distant triumphs, has become a moving museum piece

eye contact with the audience marks the consummate crowd-pleaser. But what lies at the bottom of his showmanship? His mini-dramas appear to contain a wealth of idiosyncrasy, but this serves to recycle dusty caricatures rather than anything that springs from

boulevardier Marceau, whose array of formance technique, more extraordinary still for a seventysomething whose physical feats are the envy of much younger men. But if you judge an artist by his continued creativity. you realise that Marceau stands in the shadow of his younger self. He presents himself as the embodiment of a classic style, but the line between You cannot gainsay Marceau's per- genius and guardianship has been

crossed. Cocooned in the fug of distant triumphs, he has become a moving museum piece. This is valuable, because he embodies for new audiences a once-influential style of mime. But it makes him less than living: a virtual Marceau, transplanted from a time when his every move mattered.

ANDY LAVENDER

Lincoln green pixie boots and tights approach. Like Peter, though, it is a production that cannot decide which world it wants to live in. On one hand kind in Stuart Paterson's new the Lost Boys are nestling down in a cardboard city-like

> But there is more to Peter Pan than meets the eye. In a current mad-for-it lad culture, where getting high as a kite is all that matters, and responsibilities are for cissies and grown-ups. The ultimate message in Peter Pan is to have an awfully big adventure while you can, but in the end get a grip. A bit more boldness here might make Paterson's faithful version of things into

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production full of heart but simply too languid for its own good. Where the complex cut and thrust of things should be delivered in a rapid-fire, machinegun approach, it is savoured with an over-reverent relish which never allows it to break free. And when things do look set to soar. albeit in a barking-mad way. the whole thing gets far too excited and loses the plot.

Only in the last third, when the nonplussed neighbours shrug their shoulders and carry on with life regardless, do things move at anything like the pace they should. This is the flux and disarray of a nation about to sprout wings once more.

There is flying of a different

version of Peter Pan for TAG, at the Tramway. Paterson has mastered the art of injecting new zest and colour into classic children's stories and affording his audience the then, though, they are normally trundled out only at panto time, so J.M. Barrie's highflying tale of the terminal adolescent looking for somewhere nice to land seems a curious if worthy idea to skip around the maypole with.

This is typical TAG, alive with director Tony Graham's regular box of tricks, from the big open staging to the irrele-vant if well-drilled gymnastic displays that do nothing but distract from the job at hand. Here there is even a trio of multi-functional poles which double up occasionally as isometric bars.

It is a charmingly acted, lively affair, with a sparky Susan Nisbet in the title role, light years away from the

Never-Land, yet are far too thigh-slappingly cheeky for the point — if intended — to come across. Hook's sidekick Smee is a Little Englander knotted hanky, while Hook somewhat tiresomely strokes his false appendage with seemingly lascivious intent. way its analysis of emotionally stunted mummies' boys up for fun is a precursor to the

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The former Chancellor enlivened the Tory leadership race by claiming that the stance on the single currency adopted by the other five candidates "would drive us to the political fringe both at home and in European politics"......Pages 1, 10

BA 747's door starts to open in flight

■ A British Airways Boeing 747 carrying more than 300 passengers had to return to Gatwick after a door handle started to spin open immediately after take-off. Two cabin crew forced it back as air was whistling from the top and bottom of the door and the plane climbed to 21,000ft.....

Paying-up time

Tony Blair is to throw a £2 billion lifeline to Britain's hundreds of thousands of small companies by announcing stringent legislative proposals to stop the late payment of bills Page l

Brussels agrees

Gordon Brown won clearance from Brussels for the Government's plan to reduce VAT on heating fuel and he quashed speculation about Britain re-entering the ERM... Page 2

Banker tells of racism

A merchant banker who was earning £750,000 wept as he told an industrial tribunal how racism had blighted his career at a "token black face".........Page 2

Jurors cleared

Two women jurors jailed for contempt of court for refusing to reach a verdict were cleared by the Appeal Court, which criticised the trial judge

Gulf War claims

Gulf War veterans have renewed claims that they were exposed to sarin, mustard gas and other nerve agents, in a Channel 4 documentary...

Not amused

Billy Connolly, speaking at the Cannes Film Festival where his Mrs Brown is being premiered, deplored the latest generation of British community in Kinshasa, Page 5 across the Zaire river Page 15 comedians

Cookery lessons

Schools have a duty to revive domestic science and the dying art of "real cooking" among the TV dinner generation, Prue Leith, the food writer and restaurateur, is to tell a conference Page 8

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Mentmore Towers, the former Rothschild family seat in the Vale of Avlesbury built in 1852 and for twenty years home to the Maharishi Foundation, is up for sale for £10-15 million... .. Page 9

Cook marches in

Preceded by a video and pounding music, Robin Cook strode into the splendid Foreign Office Locarno Room to introduce his team Goldman Sachs. He said he was to the press and his policies to the worldPages 10, 19 Pilot grounded

Kelly Flinn, the USAF's first

woman B52 pilot, is to be courtmartialled for adultery and other charges arising from her affair with a civilianPage 13 Caucasus pact

Russia and Chechnya signed a treaty aimed at ending 400 years of confrontation and setting out the principles for peaceful

relations. ..Page 14 Ready to scramble Britain's Joint Force headquarters outside Brazzaville is on alert for an operation to evacuate the

Australian swimmer sinks record

Susie Maroney, 22. Australia's long-distance swimming champion, became the first person officially to swim unassisted across the 112-mile Straits of Florida separating Cuba and the American mainland. She swam in a 28ft by 8ft shark-proof cage and reached Key West in 24 hr 20min. Asked how she planned to celebrate she replied, "just to rest" Page I



Estate agent Martin Elliott with a for sale sign yesterday at the Whispering Knights, part of the 77 Rollright Stones. Page 3

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Drinks deal: Guinness and Grand Metropolitan announced a £24 biflion merger, the biggest between two British companies, creating the world's largest wine and spirits .. Pages 27, 29

Regan settles: The entrepreneur who led the abortive £1.2 billion bid to take over CWS settled out of court in the civil action it brought against himPage 27

Trade deal: Reversing policy, the Government is to back adopting minimum job standards linked to trade agreements.....

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Football: Aston Villa have agreed to pay Liverpool a club record £7 million for Stan Collymore, who

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Modern times: London's attempt failed, but Berlin has succeeded in mounting an extraordinarily ambitious, blockbuster show of innovative 20th-century art Page 24

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All change: In the second part of our series on the problem's and opportunities facing women in midlife, the Cambridge social psychologist Terri Apter focuses on the four different types of crisis experienced by women as they reach maturity, and argues that each can lead to a successful outcome. Today: traditional women, expansive women, innovative women and

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Labour's human rights agenda is more ambitious than any since that of the Carter Administration in 1976; and like President Carter's is likely to prove easier to enunciate than to implement____Page 19

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If the Government manages to make its operation more transparent and less profitable to the opera-tor, the public might even stop worrying and learn to love the ____Page-19 r tottery.....

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There is a certain appeal in politicians fresh to office avoiding the pomposity of power. But there may be new perils tooPage 19

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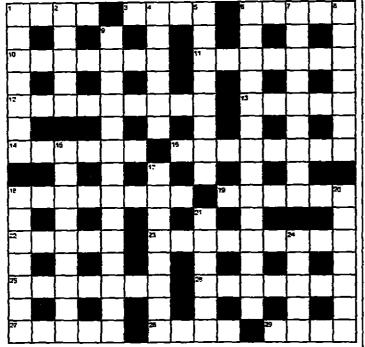
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Kenneth Clarke has been the odd marrout among the six Tory leadership contenders. He has had no formal launch for his campaign, has given no interviews about his inner self, has written no articles about the way ahead . . MPs and journalists wonder whether Ken is being his usual casual self. They are wrong.....

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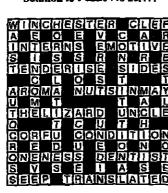
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- 12 Popular conclusion that's no
- longer common? (9). 13 Try to see time on ticker (5).
- 14 US lawyer to screen material (6).
- 16 Paramount chief (8). 18 Like the territory Darwin grew up
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- Sam (6). 22 Respectful form of address
- reversing hard-hearted prejudice
- 23 Bardell, for example, in case of simple misunderstanding (9).

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- 25 Support state party's boasting (7). 26 One conceals the party's present chances (4,3).
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- article 41.
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- 1 Reckoned using buff coloured dice? (7).
- 2 Order from the highest level (5). 4 Moderate means (b).
- 5 Panel receives gold cross for displays (8).
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- engagement (9). 8 List points raised for politician (7). 9 Description of bishop's moving for all equally (6-3-5).
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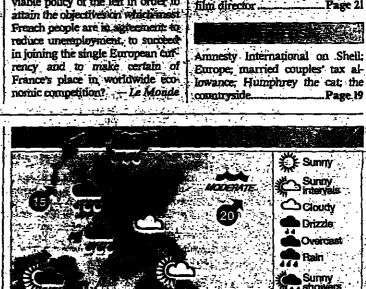
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Regan settles **CWS** civil suit

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

ANDREW REGAN, the entrepreneur who led the abortive £1.2 billion bid to take over the Co-operative Wholesale Society, yester-day settled the civil action brought against him by CWS out of court.

He and David Lyons, his business partner, and Allan Green, a former CWS executive who helped them to prepare their bid, are understood to have agreed to pay CWS up to £1 million.

In return for the payment the civil action against the three men and Galileo, the company set up for the takeover and Lanica Trust, the quoted investment company run by Mr Regan, has been dropped.

Lanica itself made no contribution to the settlement and with the threat of expensive legal action now lifted, its shares, which have been suspended since February, are expected to begin trading again later this week. Its results have been audited, and only the Stock Exchange's agreement is now needed for the figures to be released and the shares to return.

Yesterday's settlement comes after a similar arweeks ago with Mr Regan's main advisers. Hambros Bank and Travis Smith

Braithwaite. Lanica noted yesterday that the liquidator of Galileo is considering bringing claims against some former advisers. The liquidator, Jason Elles of Ernst & Young, would have to ask shareholders in Galileo whether they would fund the legal action and he is expected to make a decision on this in the next

formight.
The CWS is still pursuing a private criminal action against Mr Green, Mr Regan and Mr Lyons over the alleged theft of commercially sensitive documents by Mr Green. Lanica said that Mr Regan and Mr Lyons "intend to defend these

proceedings vigorously".

Guinness in GrandMet link

AND ALASDAIR

THE biggest companies was unveiled yesterday when Grand Metropolitan and Guinness said that they would combine to form a £23.8 billion group.

The merged companies will be renamed GMG Brands and will constitute Britain's eight-largest listed company, the world's seventh-large food and drinks group and its single largest wine and spirits business. The drink brands brought together include GrandMet's Smirnoff vodka, Bailey's and Cinzano with Guinness-owned Johnnie Walker, Bell's Scotch whisky and Gordon's gin. It will also unite GrandMer's US food businesses, which include Burger King, Häagen-Dazs ice cream and Green Giant vegetables, with the famous Guinness brewing business.

The deal, which is subject to European Union and United States regulatory approval. will be followed by a one-off cash payment to shareholders of at least £2.4 billion, or 60p per share. Guinness share-holders will retain their shares in GMG Brands while GrandMet shareholders will receive one new GMG share for each GrandMet share.

News of the merger sent GrandMet's shares soaring 762p to 5912p. while Guinness leapt 86p to 6022 p. However, it has already met

with opposition from Bernard Arnault, a non-executive director of Guinness and chairman of France's LVMH-Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton, which has a 14.2 per cent stake in Guinness.

against the board meeting on Fri-

day and yesterday suggested an alternative involving the three spirits and wines businesses of GrandMet. Guinness and Moët Hennessy, as an independent listed group. GrandMet and Guinness told him that all the other directors favoured the creation of GMG Brands. Tony Greener, who is chairman of Guinness and will be joint chairman of GMG, said that talks were still going on with M. Arnault.

The merger should create cost savings of about £175 million per year in the third year and involve around 2,000 job cuts worldwide in the merged drinks division, which is to be named United Distill-

ers and Vintners or UDV. UDV accounts for about 20,000 of the total combined workforce of 85,000.

The total cost of achieving the savings is expected to be about £375 million. The merger has caused re-

verberations across the globe. Seagram, the Canadian drinks and media company, and Brown Forman Corporation, which owns Jack Daniel's, are likely to fight back by

looking for their own deals. Shares in Allied Domeco, seen as a possible bid target, closed up 18p. at 4462 p.

George Bull, chairman of GrandMet, will be joint chairman until July next year when he will retire, leaving Mr Greener as full-time chairman. The deal is not expected to be completed much before

John McGrath of Grand-Met will be group chief executive. Jack Keenan, also of GrandMet, will head UDV, with Finn Johnson from Guinness, as his deputy. Philip Yea of Guinness will be group finance director, leaving no role for Gerald Corbett. the GrandMet finance director, who will leave once the merger is completed.

Pennington, page 29 Rivals exposed, page 31 Diary, page 31

A MARRIAGE MADE AT DUKE'S HOTEL

GEORGE BULL says he "popped the question" to Tony Greener about a marriage of the two companies over dinner in a private room at Dukes Hotel in London on April 10 (Sarah Cunningham and Robert Miller write).

Tony Greener, left, chairman of Guinness, and George Bull, chairman of GrandMet, celebrating after yesterday's merger announcement

"I suggested the time was right to consider a merger. and Tony replied that he had been thinking along the same lines," the GrandMet chairman said. The two groups had been flirting for years. But a leak last summer of supposed takeover plans by

Guinness brought strenuous denials of an impending deal. Once Mr Bull revealed GrandMet to be a willing partner, merger talks were non stop. Yet they never leak-

ed in spite of several hundred

advisers knowing details. The two chairmen, who have known each other for 16 years, held daily meetings. They first discussed with lawyers whether the deal would get regulatory approval in the

companies' many markets. Then, late last month, the issue was put to the two companies' boards. Bernard Arn-ault, chairman of LVMH, the French company which owns 14 per cent of Guinness, was only told of the plan on April 28. He was the only Guinness director to vote against the merger at the board meeting last Friday. The GrandMet

board was unanimous. Some of the City's top firms will be the biggest beneficia-ries in the £24 billion deal. These include Lazard Brothers and SBC Warburg, the merchant bankers, KPMG and Price Waterhouse, the accountants, and Norton Rose, Theodore Goddard, SJ Berwin and Slaughter and May, the solicitors.

Philip Healey, editor of Acquisitions Monthly magazine, said: "This deal will be a gravy train for advisers and both sets of directors and should generate fees of at least £100 million. And, because it is an agreed deal there will be a much better severance settlement for those directors who leave the company after the merger."

Philip Yea, Guinness group finance director, who will have the same post at GMG Brands, said fees would be "well south of £100 million."

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Statutory late payer interest opposed

By ADAM JONES

THE Federation of Small Busiess and the Confederation of British Industry yesterday spoke against a statutory right to interest on late payments. which is expected to be proposed by the Government in the Queen's Speech tomorrow...

David Hands, of the FSB, aid: "I don't think statutory interest is the best way to go about it. Small businesses are often the ones guilty of late payment themselves." He said small businesses

would be reluctant to levy interest fines on larger companies that could simply take

The CBI's smaller members have consistently opposed interest payment laws. Marthew Farrow, head of the small and medium enterprises unit, said the CBI expected a consultation document before any action. He said: "Legislation might make matters worse."

He said larger firms could just use their muscle to negotiate longer payment periods to avoid any risk of incurring a penalty. The payment could then be made as slowly as before. A standardised payment period would circumvent this. But Mr Farrow said members wanted flexibility in arranging terms with foreign companies.

Ruth Lea, head of the policy unit at the Institute of Directors, which was expecting a period of consultation, said a legal framework might legitimise late payment, making it look more respectable. The IoD is keener on measures to make court action against late payers

Sterling bounces back as **UK stays firm on ERM**

By Alasdair Murray

THE POUND bounced back the Government wanted the on the foreign exchanges late yesterday after Gordon Brown said he has no intention of taking Britain back into the European Exchange Rate Mechanism. The stock market also hit a

new record, buoyed by the Guinness/Grand Metropolitan merger and a strong rally on Wall Street.

The pound closed up nearly two pfennigs against the German mark at DM2.7631 while sterling's trade weighted index rose half a point to 98.5. The new Chancellor of the Exchequer informed European finance ministers that there was no substance in rumours that pound to rejoin the ERM at

DM2.50. Earlier in the day the pound had fallen to a sevenweek low of DM2.7268 on expectations that the Bank of England will use its quarterly inflation bulletin today to argue that there is no immediate need for a rate rise.

The FTSE 100 closed up 38.7 points at 4669.6 as Wall Street rose 91 points in early trading. The Guinness and GrandMet merger plans helped the mar-ket higher with rival companies such as Allied Domecq gaining on bid speculation. New economic data showed

that the strength of the pound is continuing to hold back factory-gate inflation. Input prices, which measure the price of raw materials, fell by 1.9 per cent in April taking the per cent - the largest fall since 1986. Factory gate prices rose by 0.2 per cent in April and by

0.8 per cent year-on-year. High Street sales increased again, according to the British Retail Consortium. Like-forlike volumes rose 4.1 per cent compared with 3.7 per cent in March The BRC said quarterly growth registered only 4 per cent - the lowest level since the end of 1995. Retail goods inflation was 0.9 per cent.

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Argos shares are hit by chief's alert

SHARES in Argos fell 274 p. to 623p, yesterday after the catalogue retailer said that interim profits would fail to match results reported for the first half of the previous

The company, whose shares were 7982p late last year, said that a number of markets in which Argos trades continue to be sluggish or were even falling back compared with 1996. A combination of increased costs and lower interest income, because of the payment of last year's special dividend, would have an adverse impact on profits.

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UK to end opposition to job rule in trade pacts

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government is to re- ain was a vociferous opponent verse a key aspect of Britain's trade policy with the rest of the world by backing the adoption of minimum job standards linked to trade agreements.

The move will mark a complete about-turn from what was, under the Conservatives, probably Britain's principal policy position on the issue of world trade.

Ministers are set to alter Britain's policy by supporting the idea of a "social clause" a stipulation to be attached to world trade agreements that must adopt prescribed minimum standards on employ-ment rights. Previously, Britof the policy, which is strongly endorsed by countries including the US. France and Sweden, but is opposed by countries such as Singapore and Korea. The UK's opposition to a social clause was seen as the central aspect of its world trade policy.

Just as Britain is now to sign the social chapter for the EU. ministers will now support pressure for a social clause from the US and elsewhere. They are likely to raise the topic at next month's meeting of the Group of Seven industrialised nations in Denver, Colorado. The change was signalled yesterday by Robin Cook, the

new mission statement, Mr Cook said: "Labour is committed to a social clause in the [World Trade Organisation]. Unfortunately, the Conservative Government opposed this. But we are determined to get it back up the agenda." Supporters of a social clause

Foreign Secretary, as he launched the Foreign Office's

say it will help to even the economic balance between currently low-cost world producers, mainly in emerging economies, and more advanced economies. Opponents claim that it will increase poverty in Third World countries and may push up prices of some internationally traded goods.

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THE millionaire fugitive Asil Nadir will tell a television audience tonight that he is to sue the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) for an alleged abuse of

collapsed Polly Peck empire. in an interview on The Cook Report, says that he is pre-pared to return to the UK to clear his name.

Mr Nadir fled from the UK to northern Cyprus in 1993 after he had been arrested and charged in 1990, and then again in 1991, with various offences under the Theft Act. In the programme produced by Carlton, Mr Nadir says: "What crime deserves a

seven-year sentence, and what crime also on top of the sevenyear sentence deserves a El billion fine? I've served this and I've paid that and I've done nothing." A spokesman for the Seri-

ous Fraud Office said: "We have not received any notice of legal action. Asil Nadir has been charged with theft from Polly Peck. He failed to surrender to custody at the Old Bailey and a war-rant has been issued for his

The spokesman went on: "He presently lives in northem Cyprus from where he cannot be extradited. The SFO intends to proceed against him when he returns or is returned — to the United Kingdom."

The programme will reveal that Mr Nadir, who was on £3.5 million bail, fled the country in disguise, sporting a false moustache and tartan sports hat it will also detail his involvement with an underworld supergrass and the allegations of a bribery plot involving the judge who presided over his case.

The SFO said: "These are all matters which are potentially involved in a trial. For that reason we could not comment on such issues."



Asil Nadir, right, making a point to Roger Cook during filming for tonight's television report being shown on ITV

Water firms told to cut leaks or face action

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

WATER companies were yesterday told to tackle leakage or face legal action.

Ian Byatt, the industry regulator, accused some companies of cutting corners on leakage. He rounded on the companies. some of which lose more than a third of their water into the ground, just ahead of their reporting season, in which they are expected to announce record profits.

In an interview shown on BBC Television's Panorama last night, Mr Byatt said that although some water companies were getting to grips with leakage, others were not He said: "Some are being rather slower about this. I think they've been trying to

save costs and are in danger of cutting corners." He said that leakage targets would force action. "If they don't meet those leakage targets, which they all have for this financial year, then enforcement action will be taken against them,"

Mr Byatt repeated warnings that the next pricing review for the industry would reduce profits. Water companies have been criticised for high profits, excessive executive pay and poor service, especially by the Labour Party in opposition. In the past two years. El billion has been spent by companies in share buybacks and £60 million has gone on special dividends, with a commitment to further such payouts by some companies. Thames Water, the worst offender for leakage, yester-day offered to repair leaks in customers' pipes free of charge but denied that it had been railroaded into the action by Mr Byatt's criticism. According to the water watchdog. Thames last year lost 38.6 per cent of its water. Its leakage rate just exceeded that of Welsh Water, which leaked 37.9 per cent. Yorkshire Water, which was last year fined

lost 33.4 per cent. The Water Services Association, which represents nine of the ten biggest privatised wat-

by Mr Byatt for its perfor-

mance in the 1995 drought,

er and sewerage companies, denied that companies were cutting corners. A spokesman said: Before the long, hot, dry summer of 1995, all the pressure on the water companies by government and regulators was to invest in measures to improve water quality and provide greater environmental protection. We are now doing all we can as quickly as we

can to address the problem."

Mr Byatt's next pricing review is set for 1999. He has said that he may impose a one-off charge on companies in addition to running curbs if they continue to make high profits. Earlier this year he told a Commons committee that a one-off. hit may be used to cut prices.

Insurers fear premium tax will be trebled

By NATHAN YATES

THE Government may be poised to treble the tax on insurance policies in a move that would hit holidaymakers. householders and motorists with higher premium charges. City sources believe.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is thought to be planning to increase insurance premium tax (IPT) to 12.5 per cent. The tax, which is charged on motoring, home and travel insurance, is currently levied at 4 per cent, except for travel insurance bought through travel agencies, which is subject to 17.5 per cent tax.

The increase could raise as much as £2.5 billion. Moreover, policyholders tend to blame insurance companies and not the Government for

higher insurance costs.

The average total premium cost for holders of buildings and contents insurance, motor insurance and private medical insurance is currently an annual £1,035. Even at this average premium level, the extra cost caused by increasing IPT to 12.5 per cent would be £87.98 per household each year.

The prospect of an IPT rise provoked an angry reaction from the Association of British Insurers. "IPT is an unfair tax which penalises people who are taking steps to protect them-

selves," said a spokesman.

IPT was introduced at a level of 2.5 per cent by the then Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, in the 1993 Budget, and was raised to 4 per cent in Mr Clarke's last Budget with an additional 13.5 per cent levied on insurance sold as part of

retailers' package deals.
In opposition, Labour described the tax as a VAT on insurance which hits victims of crime. In 1994 Harriet Harman, as shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury. opposed its introduction.

Raising IPT to 12.5 per cent would bring British IPT closer to continental levels.

istration, which control 20 per

cent between them, are said to

The Department of Trade and Industry is believed to be

be abstaining.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Gunnell seeks listing for 'unfitness' clubs

SALLY GUNNELL, the Olympic athlete, is coming to the City to raise El million for Human Solutions, her health club company, which plans to open a chain of fitness centres aimed at unfit people. Human Resources, 10 per cent owned by Ms Gunnell and advised by her husband, is raising the money through a placing and open offer to gain an Ofex

listing.

Andrew Meikle, managing director who met Ms Gunnell through her physiotherapist, said: "We are interested in the 70 per cent of the population who are not as fit as they should be. We will be putting forward Sally's idea of what a fitness club should be like; not intimidating, no mirrors, no leotards and chrome bars. The company aims to open five Sally Gunnell Fitstops over the year, at an average cost of £180,000. It will join the Ofex trading facility next month, valued at £3 million and plans to join the Alternative Investment Market after 12 months. -

USI to bid for Gieves

HONG KONG's USI Holdings is to make an offer for Gieves. valuing the upmarket tailor and publisher at £10.6 million. after raising its stake to 41.1 per cent by converting £2.5 million of loan stock. The conversion was aimed at strengthening Gieves's balance sheet. Last Friday, Gieves, which owns Gieves & Hawkes, the Savile Row tailor, announced a full-year loss of £1.3 million before tax (£2.7 million profit). The company was particularly hir by losses on its 49.5 per cent interest in Knickerbox, the high street retailer.

SGB valued at £130m

SGB, the scaffolding division of John Mowlem, is expected to be valued at £130 million when it is floated next month — £30 million higher than orginally expected. It is understood that Mowlem will peg the company's value to comparable construction-sector shares, which analysts identified as Ashstead. Bandt and Hewden Stewart. This would place its shares on a p/e ratio of about 19 times. SGB returned a pre-tax profit of £13.9 million (£9.4 million) on an underlying basis over 1996. on sales of £263 million (£247 million). shar

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Interflora promise

REBEL florists who ousted the board of Interflora on Sunday have promised their members the new administration will not how to any takeover approach. The new board, composed of 11 rebels voted through on a razor-thin majority at an emergency shareholder meeting, sought to allay members' fears that it may become a franchise. It said the new board was made up of ordinary member florists who wished "to preserve the traditions of Interflora as a trade association."

Pizza firm approached

SHARES in Canadian Pizza, the toppings and crust company, rose by 13 per cent yesterday after it confirmed having had an approach from an unnamed bidder. City speculation turned to the Kent family, who founded the Pizza products chain and remain the largest shareholder group, with an 18 per cent stake. The shares rose 102p to 100p, which, on a price/ earnings ratio of 11.6 times, still leaves the company at a 28 per cent discount to the market. It is now valued at £18.1 million.

Drug effective in trials

BRITISH BIOTECH, the largest biotechnology company, said latest clinical trials of Zacutex in the United Kindgom showed that the acute pancreatitis drug was effective in reducing organ failure and death in sufferers. The drug was submitted to the European Medicines Evaluation Agency in May and the company is setting up a European marketing system in anticipation of its approval. The drug is still undergoing trials in the US. The shares fell 4½ p to 243½ p.

Staff win job security

BLUE CIRCLE CEMENT yesterday signed an agreement that gives its 2,000 employees job security for three years and pay rises of a quarter of a point above inflation in return for pay rises on a quarter of a point above initiation in return for improved efficiency. It is aiming to save £10 million a year by the end of the century through improved efficiency and cost reductions. Bill Morris, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, said: "This agreement proves that you can have flexibility and security in one deal."

Regret for Avonmore

AVONMORE POODS yesterday said it regretted Waterford Foods' rejection of its merger proposal and was now seeking to determine if a realistic basis exists for further merger discussions. Avonmore launched a Ir£281 million offer for Waterford Foods early last month in a bid to create the biggest food group in the Irish Republic, with a combined turnover of Iri2.5 billion. Waterford said the offer did not reflect the company's underlying value or strategic position.

Ladbroke's '£1m a week' cash game

By Jason Nisse

Hilton brand.

tem is being developed and a joint logo is expected to be

Ladbroke shares rose 12p to

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unveiled later this year.

254p on the statement.

THE 49ers game, an attempt "Profit before tax was signifiby the large betting chains to cantly ahead of the same period last year," he added. reduce the effect of the National Lottery, is now worth El million a week for Ladbroke. the company said yesterday at its annual meeting.

Camelot, the National Lot-

tery operator, is taking a private prosecution against Ladbroke, William Hill and Coral in an attempt to have 49ers stopped. This comes after the Director of Public Prosecutions refused to take action against 49ers under the Lotteries Act and Camelot was not allowed a judicial review of that decision.

The success of 49ers and Lucky Choice, Ladbroke's other cash game, helped the group to a good first four months of 1997, Peter George, the chief executive, said.

Building societies to merge

biggest building society, is taking over the Greenwich, the 46th biggest (Caroline Merrell writes).

About 30,000 savers and He also announced that Ladbroke was selling eight British hotels, with a book borrowers with the Greenwich will receive bonuses worth in total £7 million value of £90.6 million, which it under the terms of the does not believe fit in with the merger. Qualifying savers will get a bonus worth 5 per cent of the balance of each The co-operation agreement between Ladbroke and Hilton of their accounts up to a Hotels Corporation is starting maximum of £2,500: borto have an effect, with members of the HHC's HHanours rowers will receive a bonus of £200 for each mortgaged rewards programme now booking into hotels that are in property. The average Ladbroke's part of the Hilton bonus per account will be around £300. chain. A new reservation sys-

The transaction creates a society with combined assets of £4.3 billion, and a total branch network of 116. Greenwich's seven branches will become Portman

Jourdan calls on its big investors to repel Abell

By Jason Nissé

THE non-executive directors of Thomas Jourdan have written to the company's leading shareholders in a final attempt to stop David Abell, the controversial former Suter chief, gaining control.

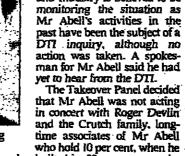
Mr Abell, who owns 28 per cent of the company and is supported by shareholders with 10 per cent, has requisitioned an extraordinary meeting next week at which he seeks to oust Keith Whitten. Jourdan's chairman, and the three non-executives. Anna Vinton, Alastair Macpherson and Brian Park. He then will have himself and an associate. Jonathan Pither, appointed to the board to run the company, which owns the Corby trouser press business.

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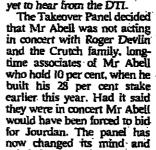




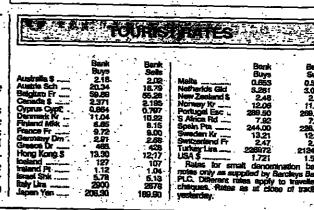




the three largest institutional investors saying that anything but a vote backing the board would be a vote supporting Mr Abell Jupiter Tyndall, which owns 0.8 per cent of Jourdan, is believed to be



ruled that Mr Abell and his



day wrote to the chairmen of planning to back the move. Tempus, page 30 friends are in concert. Provident leaps on £100m shares buyback

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

PROVIDENT FINANCIAL, which charges 164 per cent APR on loans to poor people, is to return about 5100 million to investors in the next 12 months as part of a share buyback

The company said it would acquire 17 million shares, equivalent to 6.3 per cent of its issued capital, through joint brokers, Dresdner Klein-

wort Benson and ABN-Amro when market conditions were favourable. Analysis welcomed the news saying it would boost earnings per share next year by 2 per cent to 38p, with a 3 per cent rise in 1999. The shares jumped 21.5p to 223p. John van Kuffeler, chairman, said the company had been looking at how to enhance

returns to shareholders but had ruled out

making an acquisition. Provident is the leading

lender of small loans to people not able to

borrow on the high street, with a 40 per cent market share. Last year's pre-tax profits rose 17 per cent to £18.5 million. Since 1992 dividends per share have nearly trebled to 16.50. Most of Provident's 1.3 million clients borrow

on average of £400 on which they pay a flat rate of interest of 59 per cent. This is equivalent to an APR of 164 per cent, much higher than the 12 per cent offered by the main clearing banks. Mr Kuffeler said the banks' monthly levying of

account charges made them much more expensive than they appeared.

Mr Kuffeler was sanguine about Provident's prospects under a Labour Government. The company has been going for 117 years and has flourished under Labour. Conservative and even Liberal governments. Labour under-stands the valuable service we provide to people who need a little money for their day to day Tempus, page 30

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can be accomplished when boardroom egos make way for commercial logic. The coupling of Grand Metro-politan and Gumness creates a business with the strength to take on the global market and win... Tony Greener recognised this as the crucial move for Guinness three years ago, but it took the appointment last year of George Bull as chairman at GrandMet to give the deal any chance of being accomplished. Bull's predecessor, Lord Sheppard of Didgemere, would have had some difficulty in mastering the concept of a genoine merger, let alone the idea of a joint

chairmanship. But together these two major British companies have just 5 per cent of the world spirits market. If they are to successfully compete against the other 95 per cent, then they stand more chance regether than apart. This message will not be wasted on drinks rivals Allied Doined and Sea-gram, who could now be forced into partnership themselves.

There remains one monster ego

for Gieves

4 Lord at \$130m

trying to stand in the way of this logical marriage, but Monsieur Bernard Arnault speaks for just 14.2 per cent of Guinness, so his petty peevishness over the compa-ny's failure to adhere to his preferred strategy of demerging the business is merely an irritation, not an obstacle. Ideally, M Arnault will demonstrate his displeasure by selling his Guinness stake, putting the proceeds to

Bull moves into Greener pastures

work in buying another couture label to employ an out-of-work British dressmaker. Should he really wish to sever all links with Guinness, then the new group-ing would happily buy his major-ity stake in Moet Hennessy to swell its portfolio of luxury

drinks brands.
The new entity, unhappily dubbed GMG Brands, which hardly does credit to the com-bined advertising skills of the two organisations, is the antithesis of the demerger M Arnault advocated. The parties insist that they not only want to hang on to Guinness brewing, but also that food is an integral part of their plans. The synergies of world marketing apply whatever the product may be, they claim. The customers are the same whether the product is food or drink.

GrandMet has been through its enforced slimming course but has not lost its taste for calories. Depressing though the thought may be, Burger King claims fourth place in the table of world brands, and, thanks to the wonders of franchising, it can stretch further with little recourse to central coffers.

Those coffers, however, will be

flush with cash, throwing up almost £1 billion a year. It could go back to shareholders, as



dollops will in the course of this deal, or it could go on acquisitions. Food, rather than drink, is likely to be the target. Conspiracy theorists are already pointing to Dominic Cadbury's exit from the combined board as

a hint of excitement to come. After the inevitable acquisitions, and a few fat years as the undoubted synergies of the merger fall into place, someone, probably a City banker, might be heard to mutter about the merits of demerging.

Poser at the Post Office

he Post Office would like to be freed of government restraints, but Margaret Beckett, the Trade and Industry supremo, has indicated privatis ation is not a possibility.

She would, however, like to

help the Post Office in its quest for improved competitiveness. So

There will be some scrabbling with semantics as the Department of Trade and Industry and the Treasury struggle to find a means of allowing a non-priva-tised Post Office to borrow cash without it adding to the public

sector borrowing requirement. Those who run the Royal Mail and Post Office Counters have examined some innovative plans for raising funds. There is the possibility of joint ventures — such as the link formed by the Dutch post office with the airline KLM - but that idea has so far been dashed by the Treasury's reluctance to allow public money to be linked with a private, and therefore potentially risky, body. But if necessary, this could be changed with some quick rule rewriting. We might see the Government consigning the Post

Office to a new status which might, however artificially, ex-empt it from PSBR bondage. Declaring it an independent organisation operating under a charter - in a similar lashion to

the BBC, might come close to the desired aim. For this the monopoly activities of the Royal Mail would have to be regulated. which should not cause too many problems.

Another route to pour more money into the Post Office would be to reduce its obligations to pay back cash to the Government under the external financing

This year that requirement demands £310 million. Last year the Post Office made pre-tax profits of £480 million.

Also a possibility, though a far more sensitive one, would be selling off chunks of the organisation. So long as the Government still retained more than 50 per cent of the Post Office it would remain state-owned.

Some have argued that ownership of a minority stake by small investors and employees would be palatable. How to ensure the permanence of such an owner-

ship is another matter. Privatisation was last a big

issue for the Post Office during last year's protracted strikes. The Communication Workers Union, which starts its annual conference on Sunday, will be look-ing for some indication that the Post Office is now in friendly

hands. They might soon have to peer behind the mirrors to make quite

sure of what they are seeing.

Serving the interest of small business

nshrining a legal right to interest on late payment is not the panacea to small business ills which it might initially appear to be.

Michael Heseltine caused a furore when he revealed that,

in the course of building up his own business he had taken advantage of delaying pay-ment to creditors. The only surprise in this should have been that a politician had stooped to such honest recollections: as a successful en-trepreneur, the likelihood was that Hezza would have used to his advantage all the available financial tools.

Big business is not the only offender in meeting bills on time and one of the main

reasons why the previous government shied away from the legislation now being suggested is because of a fear that the main burden might fall upon small firms themselves.

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There are other measures which a government keen to aid small firms should be looking at before moving towards measures that may prove to be little

more than an empty gesture. The Business Links idea which was the main focus of the Conservatives plan for taking aid and succour to small firms is still a muddle of good intentions and poor implementation. Deregulation, which should have lifted many of the burdens that weigh down small firms, has failed to deliver half the red tape cuts its should have done.

If small firms are to prosper, they will benefit from establishing strong relationships with major customers, and legislation

Lottery U-turn

☐ IF Camelot is to be included in the windfall tax, it will be Labour's first U-turn. It was 20 days ago that Jack Cunningham, then Heritage spokesman, said on Radio 5: "Camelot is not a privatised utility. And we've made it clear that the windfall tax is going to be aimed at privatised utilities. That doesn't include Camelot." Now his portfolio is agriculture, where, perhaps, his pronounce-ments on beef will have to be chewed with care.

Argos shares drop on note of caution

By Sarah Cunningham

ARGOS, the catalogue retail-. The company has cut its ing group, cautioned investors that its first-half profits are unlikely to match those of last year, but said it remained confident that business will pick up in the more important second half.

The words of warning, which were more explicit than those used at the time of its. 1996 results in March, when it said interim profits would be broadly flat, sent Argos shares tumbling 23p to 6242p. The company issued a profit warning in January about its 1996 results, which knocked 15 per cent off the value of its shares

in a single day. Sir Richard Lloyd, chairman, told the annual meeting able store sales in the first 18 weeks of this year. were 5.5 per cent higher. Total sales were 12 per cent ahead. roughly in line with analysts expectations, and follow a particularly successful first half last year, which saw likefor-like sales growth of 9 per cent in the first quarter and 13 per cent in the second quarter.

selling prices by an average 2 per cent, which has meant a slight lowering of the gross margin. Sir Richard said that 94 per cent of the reincluded lines in the current catalogue are the same price or cheaper than in the previous catalogue. He said the aim was to set "the high street price agenda".

Analysts said that second-

half sales figures, unlike those of the first half, will be flattered by comparison with last year, which was disappointing for the company.

The roll-out of the Premier Points reward scheme with RP/Mobil and Somerfield is expected to benefit sales in the second half.

plans to review progress on its three trial First Stop stores, which offer a limited and deeply discounted range of goods, early next year.

The first five trial stores in The Netherlands will open in the first quarter of next year.

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News Corp to defend \$5bn lawsuit

By Eric Reguly

PLANS by EchoStar and The News Corporation to merge their American satellite operations collapsed yesterday after EchoStar launched a \$5 billion lawsuit against News Corp, alleging breach of

A spokesman for News Corp, parent company of *The Times*, said: "We do not think their case has any merit. We will fight the case in court."

EchoStar is seeking the damages because of "lost profits" and what it alleges were "material breaches" of the merger agreement made in February. in which News Corp agreed to pay \$1 billion in cash and assets for a 50 per

cent stake in EchoStar. EchoStar revealed last month that the deal was in jeopardy, but News Corp held out hope that the transaction could be completed. News Corp said it is now "pursuing a number of options" to enter the digital satellite-TV market

Topps Tiles plans flotation

By Fraser Nelson

TOPPS TILES, a chain of specialist tile shops, is coming to the market next month through a placing to raise £5

The flotation, which values the company at £20 million, will make paper millionaires of Berry Bester, chief executive and Stuart Williams,

They founded the company in London 13 years ago, and will now share a stake worth £8 million. The company runs 54 stores in England and Wales, and last returned pretax profits of £2 million on sales of £16 million — a 16 per

cent share of the market.
It expects demand for tiles to grow by 20 per cent over the next three years, and plans to open a further 50 stores. Mr Williams said the company will look at stores in the outf-town warehouse format. The company will raise £5 million from the placing, after

redeeming loan stock worth

£2.7 million.

Ethical seeks full SE listing to raise £20m

UK biotech company trading on the American Nasdaq market, is to seek a full listing on the London Stock Exchange

(Adam Jones writes). The move had been rumoured since Dr Peter Feliner, chief executive of Celltech, one of the biggest UK biotech players, joined the board as a non-executive di-

rector last month. Ethical, which is based in Stibbington. Cambridgeshire, aims to raise £20 million of new money to fund the development of new drug delivery systems.

ETHICAL HOLDINGS, a Existing products include controlled-release tablets for angina and hypertension, and adhesive patches for hormone

replacement therapy.

The company said that it wants to boost revenue by increasing the amount of manufacturing and marketing done in-house. Ethical incurred a pre-tax loss of £11 million on turnover of £13.8 million in the year to last August 31, having recorded a £3.44 million profit in 1995. The fall was a result of a steep increase in research and development costs.

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Not bad for a first day

Market raises its glass to Guinness and Wall Street

investors as Guinness stunned the City with a proposed link with Grand Metropolitan to form a £20.6 billion drinks and food giant. That, combined with another near-100-point leap on Wall Street, put fresh life back into share prices just when they looked like running

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As a result, the FT-SE 100 index recovered from a hesitant start to close at its best of the day with a rise of 38.7 to a new high of 4,669.6. Turnover were again light with 762 million shares traded.

Some reassuring comments on the outlook for inflation from Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, helped to cheer sentiment. Now investors must wait anxiously for next month's Budget.

Brokers gave a unanimous vote of approval to the proposed merger between Guinness, up Sop at 602½ p. and Grand Metropolitan. 76½ p higher at 5912 p. It will create one of the biggest drink and food companies in the world and shareholders will be rewarded with a 60p a share bonus payment worth a total of £2.4 billion.

It also focused attention on other drink companies, with Allied Domecq shrugging off recent weakness to see a rise of iSp at 4465p ahead of today's figures. Brokers such as NatWest Securities are forecasting a downturn in pre-tax profits from £321 million to £319 million.

The bid speculation also spilled over into Cadbury Schweppes, a favourite with the speculators, as the price surged 23p to 552p. Elsewhere in the drinks sector. Whit-bread rose 4p to 801 2p. Luminar 7p to 419½p. ID Wether-spoon 11p to £11.85, and Old

English Pubs 10p to 26612p. Provident Financial jumped 20p to a new high of 62112p after deciding to spend some of its cash pile in buying back shares. The home collecing up to 17 million shares, or 6.3 per cent of the issued share capital, in order to enhance earnings. The huyback will be conducted by the company's joint brokers Dresdner Kleinwort Benson and ABN Amro Hoare Govett.

A bid approach hoisted Canadian Pizza 10 p to 100p. where the group carries a price tag of £18 million. Recent speculation has suggested that two separate parties have been



Dennis Holt and Michael Smith, of API, reported a big rise

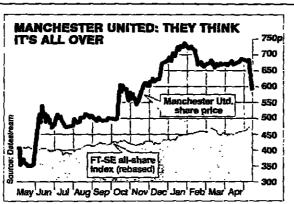
stalking the group, including the Kent family, which founded the business.

The cautious noises made by Argos in March appear to have been justified. Yesterday the shares fell 242p to 623p after the catalogue retailer said profits for the first half were unlikely to match those for the corresponding period.

The warning failed to ruffle the rest of the retailers with

gains for Great Universal Stores of 14p to 66912 p. Blacks Leisure 172p to 5112p. JJB Sports 1312 p to 500p and Next 5p to 0962p. Flying Flowers was also a firm market jumping 12p to 351 2p as speculators pondered events at interflora where members have just ousted the board in the face of a bid from across the Atlantic.

Safeway continued to lose ground falling 7p to 331p



Sunderland ended 39½p lower at 445p after being relegated from the Premier League. It was floated in December at 585p.

Nigel Hawkins, who fol-Yamaichi, the Japanese securities house, said: "It's going to be a regular endof-season occurence, especially for those clubs involved in promotion or regulation." He urges investors to be selective. "Investing in football can be volatile and speculative. There are one or two clubs worth investing at the top of the Premier League.

There are only one of or two clubs outside the Premier with a big City following that I'm keen on." Southampton has clung

on to Premiership status by shares ended 34p down at 10to Manchester United. which last week clinched the championship for the fourth time in five years, lost 14p at 5912p. Newcastle United rose 312p to 123p after securing a place in the European Cup. Newcomer Aston Villa shed 20p to 975p and now stands L25p below last week's placing price.

ahead of figures this week. On Friday, SBC Warburg, the broker, downgraded its recommendation for the shares from a "buy" to a "sell". Other brokers fear that the upturn in sales reported by the likes of Sainsbury, up 85 p at 3725. Tesco, 3p better at 380 2 p, and Asda, 14 p to 1194 p, have been at the expense of Safeway.

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Ladbroke stood out with a rise of 12p at 254p after some bullish comments about trading at the annual meeting. Profits in the first four months were substantially higher, boosted by lower interest charges and a pick-up in

API shrugged off the illeffects of a strong pound to post a 44 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £6.1 million. The group reported a healthy order book but saw profits suffer a setback at its foil and laminates division. The shares

were unchanged at 72Sp.

Shares of Wakebourne were suspended at 10½ p pending clarification of its financial position after bid talks were abandoned. The computer software group has been in talks with a third party for some time, but any offer for Wakebourne would be made at a substantial discount to the

current ruling price. Rugby Estates rose 4p to 100p after completing the acquisition of a site in Covent Garden for £8.4 million. Hillsdown Holdings has disposed of its 16 per cent holding in the company. The shares were placed with institutions. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Improved sentiment about the outlook for short-term interest rates led to a small steepening of the vield curve as shorter dated issues outperformed the longer end of the market.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt linished seven ticks better at £1]4716 amid higher than average turnover for the start of the week. By the close of business 74,000 contracts had been

£1091532, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £316 better at £1032332. NEW YORK: Stocks were sharply higher at midday yesterday, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 86.96 points at 7.256.49, amid a growing view that the Federal Reserve may not raise interest rates at next week's policymaking meeting.

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Drinks before the deals

prices by 2 per cent, so volumes are up 7.5 per cent.

in the first quarter last year,

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task for Argos is to ensure

that the year as a whole

shows growth and, fortu-

nately for the company, the

second half of last year was

TWO HIPPOS of the drinks sector feel happy enough with new Labour to make a big splash in their corner of the pond. It is therefore fair to assume that other corporate beasts will now be thinking of takeovers. The market is bullish, and macro-economic policy is safe with the now independent Bank of England. So, the only question is whether Labour will tighten the competition rules or pursue a corporatist approach? With so much promised and so few resources to pay for it. this Government needs allies. Its former friends,

the trade unions, have not the means to help. Fuelled by a buoyant market, more takeovers must be on the cards, and the media sector could soon spring into life. While in opposition, Labour showed little anxiety about cross-media ownership, having sought even greater relaxation of the rules in the last

Broadcasting Bill, and, over the next few years, the issue will be which company or group of companies exercises total control over the ITV network. The big issues are costs and advertising

revenues. The addition of the fourth and fifth terrestrial channels, and satellite and soon digital terrestrial broadcasting has eroded the advertising clout of the old ITV network. Its main backers, Carlton and Granada will need to cut costs if they are to maintain their margins and compete with American imports. That suggests consolidation and could open the door to a deal with United News & Media in which United gave up its ITV companies in exchange for control of Channel 5. With so much at stake, the Government needs to tread gently, but a corporatist Labour Government has friends in the media.

months, particularly around

Christmas, leaving room to

Argos shares have taken a tumble this year, but they are

stili rated at a premium to

the market. Retailers need to

work hard for sales and

Argos, which sells on price

rather than service, is no

exception. It still has to

invest to keep those volumes.

improve this time round.

Argos

ARGOS suffered a dent to its reputation when it issued a profit warning back in January. A top-rated retailing group, it suddenly looked wobbly, like a prize fighter who has taken an unexpected blow on the chin.

Yesterday's trading statement should not have worried the market unduly. Argos cautioned in March that it would be difficult to replicate last year's record first-half performance. More explicitly yesterday, the com-pany said that the first half is unlikely to match" last year's profits.

The problem is costs and comparative figures. Argos needs both to invest in expansion and to maintain price leadership. The 5.5 per cent like-for-like growth reported may not look stunning but Argos also cut its

weaker than the first six SETTING THE PRICE AGENDA

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Prov Financial

IF Labour is seeking another cat to skin, it could do worse than tax the purveyors of loans at extortionate interest rates. Provident Financial, is earning a return on equity of 43 per cent from its door-todoor small loans business. So profitable is the operation that it is now copying its posher brethren, the big banks, with a buyback of 6 per cent of its shares.

If you have no permanent job, no credit card and no chance of an overdraft, Provident will lend you £100 but principal will add up to a sum of £159 by the end of the year. Provident points out that the overheads are more expensive than a conventional lender because it depends on door-to-door payments and collections -- each agent pockets 8 per cent of the interest. However, the operation is not as risky as you might think; bad debts are 5 per cent of the loan book.

high by the standards of banks but low when you consider the customer base —

and the huge gross margin. investors can sleep easy: Provident is probably not a big enough cat to be worth skinning and its astonishing. growth record shows every sign of continuing at a rapid rate. With gearing at only 50 per cent at the year end, Provident can clearly afford further buy-backs. Yet, it is curious that companies that so rampantly exploit the financial weakness of others attract so little attention.

AT THE cinema the streets of the re-released Star Wars: was followed by queues round the block for The Empire Strikes Back. But thrill seekers need not go to the pictures. Just pop down to the local betting shop to see the success of the 49ers game in Lottery Wars or the law courts for The Camelot Strikes Back.

Camelot is so rattled that it is taking a private prosecu-tion against Ladbroke, William Hill and Coral to try and stop 49ers, evidence that the betting industry's strategy is working. Yesterday Ladbroke revealed it was taking in £60 million a year from the game. This means that it should regain nearly half the ground it lost from

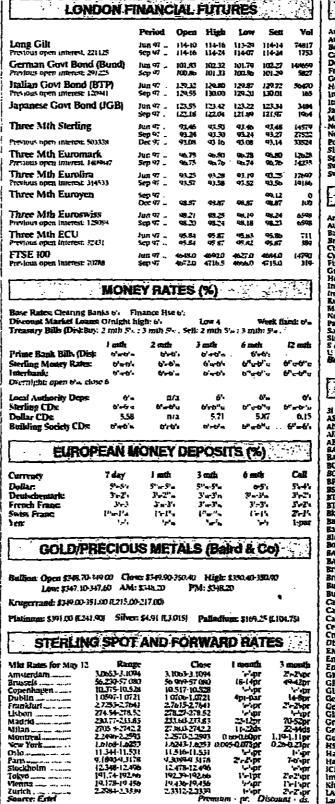
the launch of Camelot. Meanwhile, the benefits from the alliance with Hilton Hotels Corporation in the US are now starting to filter through. With Hilton due to take a stake in Ladbroke later the City feels optimistic that Ladbroke is becoming a more stable operation.

A reasonable trading statement saw anaylsts marking projections of this year's proifts up to around £212 million. The shares continued their excellent run to put on 12p to 254p. But there is still more to go for at Ladbroke.

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Food and drinks rivals left exposed by merger bombshell

bombshell merger between Grand Metropolitan and industries "big bang". At a stroke, and with impressively fittle warming given the number of parties involved in preparing the deal, the two companies have revolutionised the

global spirits and food market. The figures involved in the £23.8 billion deal are staggering. It is the biggest merger between two British companies — creating the UK's eighth-largest — quoted — company. GMG Brands, as it will be known. becomes the world's seventh-largest branded foods and drinks business. and the leading spirits and wine company with combined annual sales above 100 million cases.

The repercussions will be felt further afield than the boardrooms of British rivals such as Allied Domecq and Cadbury Schweppes. Seagram, the other main player in the drinks market, will have to take notice but companies as diverse as Nestle and Pensi Cola will also want to work out what it could mean for their plans.

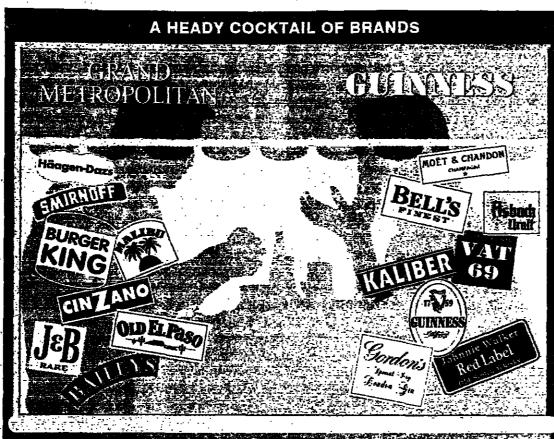
The two chairmen claimed vesterday to have dreamt up the merger over dinner. But the seeds of the merger were sown at the start of the last recession when the major drinks companies began to catch a cold after the heady days of the 1980s. The drinks companies suddenly

found they could no longer sell branded spirits at will. Consumers had grown more price-conscious and resistant to the traditional aspirational-led marketing campaigns. The companies responded by cutting back on marketing spend to protect profits and found that they were losing market share to the ownbrand labels being sold in the supermarkets. At the same time, the emerging markets — the promised lands of global expansion -- were not yet contributing serious profits, Guinness and Grand Metropolitan

were left sounding like a scratched record constantly telling the City that volume improvements and price increases were just around the corner. But profits steadfastly refused to

Guinness began to come under chairman of LVMH-Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton and a major shareholder, to demerge its brewing arm. At Grand Metropolitan, Lord Sheppard of Didgemere, who had led the off GrandMet's food interests.

Alasdair Murray on the global repercussions of the unexpected 'big bang' deal by Guinness and GrandMet



replaced last year by George Bull, who promised the City he would tidy up the sprawling conglomerate to concentrate on its US food and global spirits businesses. But the companies still failed to impress the market. Guinness underperformed the FT-SE 100 by 13 per cent last year, while GrandMet lagged the benchmark UK index by 7 per cent.

The City wanted to see the companies take more radical action and eagerly seized on a leaked Lazard's report last year detailing how Guinness could launch a £13 billion takeover bid for GrandMet. Guinness would raise £10 billion in cash and recoup the costs by selling off GrandMet's food interests.

But Guinness dismissed the idea as J&B, which is the second-largest

a "fantasy boardroom" project never intended to see the light of day. In the process Tony Greener, Guinness's chairman, also ruled out demerging the brewing business, further infuriating M. Arnault.

But less than a year later the fantasy has come close to reality. leaving the City with few bad words to say about the deal. There is little overlap between the brands, which should help the two companies to clear expected regulatory hurdles in Europe and America. International Distillers and Vintner's, the spirits subsidiary of GrandMet, is strong in white spirits suh as Smirnoff vodka, the world's second-best spirits seller. Bailey's and Malibu. But the com-

earns respect

selling brand of Scotch worldwide. In contrast, Guinness's strength is almost entirely in whisky and gin, with Johnnie Walker, Bell's, Gordon's Gin and Tanqueray among its bestknown brands. Analysts believe that a sell-off of some of the lesser whisky brands such as Dewars, owned by

authorities in the US. In global terms the new company will have 5 per cent of the total world spirits market, including locally produced and consumed alcohols. More importantly, it will control 10 per cent of the branded spirits market with the largest number of top ten brands.

Guinness, would quickly satisfy the

The strength of the merged group's portfolio means that the two com-

Allied needs to find strategic partners fast to prevent its market share being further eroded. But analysts believe it will only be able to do so on terms set by stronger rivals, such as Seagram or Brown-Forman Corporation, the US company that owns Jack Daniel's. Neither is likely to be attracted to Allied while its share price contains a hefty bid premium.

The two companies insisted yesterday that the food brands, which include Burger King and Pillsbury, would remain a major part of the group. Mr Bull again repeated the GrandMet refrain that branded food and branded drinks offer a high degree of synergy. Some analysts believe that the group may be tempted to expand its business, possibly looking at Cadbury, which is also rumoured to be a target for cashrich Unilever. But in the medium term the expectation is that some of the food assets, particularly Burger King, will come onto the market.

The company has also restated its commitment to Guinness Brewing although companies such as Anheuser Busch, which owns Budweiser, and Heineken would love to get their hands on the famous Irish stout. The merged company's more likely immediate strategy is to dump some past failures such as Cruzcampo. Guinness's Spanish brewing operation.

The one wild card in the merger is M. Arnault. Although LVMH has been selling down its stake in Guinness, it still owns 14.2 per cent of the company - sufficient to make trouble. M. Arnault made it clear yesterday that he will continue to oppose the merger and try to sell his alternative plan of floating off the merged spirits businesses of the three companies as the way forward

The City believes there is an element of pique about M. Arnault's behaviour. LVMH sold its shares earlier this year at 414p compared, with Guinness' closing price yesterday of 6022p. He was also barely consulted and has been forced off the new board. Most analysts believe there is little that LVMH will be able to do beyond selling its watered down 6.7 per cent stake in the new company. But M. Arnault is hinting darkly that with the merger scheduled to take a year to complete there is still plenty of time to find an panies have stolen a major lead on interested party who might be pre-their rivals. The biggest victim is pared to listen to LVMH.



No thanks in higher taxes

tax me tax the tree." This little ditty, which serves as a sort of Mission Statement for the lobbyists' fraternity on Capitol Hill in Washington, will soon become a favourite in the restaurants of Westminster and Mayfair as Britain's business community prepares to face the first Labour Budget since 1979.

Never before has a newly elected left-wing Govern-ment been greeted by a chorus of business leaders begging to pay more tax. Within days of the election, the CBI, the British Chamhers of Commerce and the Institute of Directors had all issued passionate declarations of national interest. imploring Gordon Brown to raise taxes. Not satisfied with these generalised institutional voices, the chairmen of British Steel, ICI and a host of other major companies have added their personal pleas. Our companies are in deep trouble." they have said to the new Chancellor."Only you can to save us. Help us, we beg you, by letting us pay more

I have exaggerated slightly. None of the above gentlemen has actually asked the to increase his own taxes or given any idea of whose taxes should rise. This suggests that the strange postelection consensus in favour of higher taxes will break up rather quickly with the approach of a real Labour Budget with real money at stake. It seems worth pondering, therefore, whether the huge tax increases now being discussed in financial markets are likely to be as dramatic as investors seem to expect.

There are four possible reasons why the Chancellor public spending. This would be popular, but Mr Brown has already ruled it out. Secondly, he may want to raise certain taxes in order to cut others, for example to increase incentives for work or long-term investment. This sort of action is likely to bear out Mr Brown's hints about a very radical Budget. But redirecting money from one tax to another does nothing for the overall stance of fiscal policy, which

may want to dampen what he sees as an unhealthy consumption boom. This might be a good reason for raising taxes if interest rates were simultaneously cut and sterling devalued to take up the resulting economic slack. But Mr Brown can no longer

is what the financial mar-

kets (and the Bank of Eng-

land) primarily care about.

give any assurances about monetary policy and exchange rates. The Bank of England would be unlikely to cut interest rates in response to a fiscal tightening. More probably it would continue to push rates upwards until it saw tangible signs of slowing consumer demand. Unless Britain were lucky enough to enjoy a depreciation of sterling for some totally external reason (such as the yen-dollar tensions seen in the last few days) the economy would therefore be hit by a double-whammy of decelerating domestic and foreign demand. This would make life much harder, not easier, for the likes of British Steel and ICI.

Finally the Chancellor might want to raise taxes simply because higher taxation was popular as an end in itself. This was what Labour Chancellors got away with in the 1960s and 1970s. As long as business opinion continues with its present bleating for higher taxes, Mr Brown may enjoy the same luxury as his Labour predecessors to raise revenues without having to justify this on any rational grounds. But Mr Brown is a shrewd politician and knows that today's consensus in favour of higher taxes will not last far beyond Budget day.

T aving given up the main instrument of

ment to the Bank of England, he will not want his first Budget to be judged by its success (or failure) in manipulating consumption. interest rates or the pound. I suspect he will therefore limit the macroeconomic judgment in his Budget to a quite modest fiscal tightening. He would prefer his first Budget to be remembered for radical reforms of welfare than for higher taxes whose purpose nobody could quite understand.

Deal may rectify Management style French predator negative image

ony Greener's dour and offhand demeanour has not endeared him to the City since he took over as chairman of Guinness in 1992. "Arrogant" and "unap-proachable" are some of the less-than-flattering terms flung at Mr Greener, 56, over

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It was Mr Greener's misfortune to take control just as the recession began to bite. But the City believes that he has hardly helped his cause by being overly reluctant to listen to his critics — not least Bernard Amault — when results failed to support his belief that Guinness was on the verge of recovery.

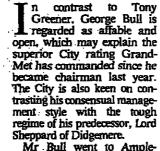
After Marlborough College, he joined his family's cotton business. Mr Greener then served a couple of years on the factory floor at a Unilever paper factory before moving into management. But it was his successful term at Dunhill that first established his reputation. He helped to turn a £15 million tobacco company into a £350 million luxury goods



Greener: 'door and offhand'

Guinness in the aftermath of Ernest Saunders's over-realous pursuit of Distillers.

Mr Greener once competed in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race but, as work has become dominant, he has had to confine his leisure pursuits to skiing. His role in sealing the GrandMet deal suggests that he has not been as conservative in his thinking as the City



Mr Bull went to Ample-forth, the Catholic public school in Yorkshire, before spending a few years in the Coldstream. Guards. Colleagues say he sometimes still addresses meetings as if he were in military mode, and there is a legendary tale of Mr Bull donning a Second World War helmet to rally his troops during a particular crisis at IDV in the 1970s.

After a spell in advertising and marketing school, Mr Bull began his career as an export salesman at one of the forerunner companies of International Distillers and Vintners, working his way up through the GrandMet organ-



Bull: 'affable and open'

isation before a short spell in charge of food. He won Lord Sheppard's backing to become chief executive, and finally chairman, seeing off a number of rivals in GrandMet's bloody succession battles. He is one of the first chief executives to be completely computer literate and is rarely without his portable on business trips. Mr Bull will continue as joint chairman until he



London and Paris since he emerged on the French business scene in the 1980s. His ruthless management style and use of complex "cascade" financing that limits his direct investment in takeover targets, has upset the French establishment. Pierre Berge of Yves St Laurent described M Arnault as a "bird of prey", intent on devouring famousname companies.

He dislikes the celebrity lifestyle and has often been accused of being unfashion-



Arnault: 'joker in the pack

able. Investors have been unhappy with his lack of openness, especially when LVMH struggled in recent years. But M Arnault has normally managed to sidestep his critics, most recently winning plaudits for a \$2.6 billion takeover of DFS, the US dutyfree company. He is unlikely to take the merger passively but with his shareholding diluted there is probably little he can do but sell out.

Time's up

SO WHITHER Gerald Corbett, the bluff, genial finance director at Grand Metropolitan who has been deemed surplus to requirements after the merger with Guinness? No fault of his — the appointment of John McGrath as chief executive of the merged company meant the in-ance man pretty well had to come from Guinness. Someone had to go. and hence Corbett's new nickname at GrandMet, Captain Oates, He joined from Redland almost three years ago and must have expected a rather



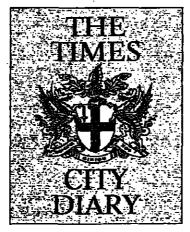
"Payout will be slow, Guinness always needs time to settle"

have no problems getting another job

he fancies something entrepreneurial rather than the usual finance director's grind, I gather. His last salary was £451,000 including bonus, and he is on a two-year roller. GrandMet has a reputation for being extremely generous at such times, so sympathy is perhaps limited. As befits the new, sleaze-free era,

the deal went through without a leak, even though it was announced on a Monday and so a natural for the Priday night drop to the Sunday press. Yet a hundred or so of lawyers. bankers, brokers and other hangerson must have known by last weekend. Secrecy was apparently assured because there was no share issue or other cash-raising to arrange beforehand which speaks volumes about the discretion of the average fund manager or commercial banker.

● ONE of the few pleasures of attending annual meetings is always the doggie bag of the firm's products that producers of edibles and of the ables feel the urge to hand out. Biscuit makers can be good for several children's parties, although the brewers are not as generous as they once were, I notice. But news reaches me of a regrettable bit of cheese-paring at last week's Cadbury Schweppes meet-ing. Investors were handed a box of



something called Invitations au Plaisir, some French chocs that do not seem to have troubled the British market. What's more, they were datestamped to be consumed by end-July 1997, which seems a bit soonish. Old or surplus stock, perhaps?

Off the road

nation's driving instructors. (With three personal exceptions I will not name, but you know who you are, and especially the one with the suede jacket and advanced diploma in

The Motor Schools' Association says they could lose a fifth of their workload this year, because pupils

ten theory exam. David Lepine, general manager of the association, said instructors believe that one in every five learner drivers may not have the basic literacy skills needed:

"Many academic low achievers make the best drivers. The real danger here is that these people may not keep trying until they do pass the test but decide to drive anyway, without a licence." This only confirms the admission of BSM, Britain's biggest motoring school, that its own pupils with learning difficulties were having trouble with the exam.

● CONTINUING our occasional series of great investment decisions of our time: last week I pointed out that the biggest single investor in BTR and Dalgety, both of whom issued profit warnings, was PDFM. In its relentless search for value investment. PDFM has also alighted on Waverley Mining Finance. Waverley is be-hind Monktonhall Colliery, closed because of flooding after costing the company £23 million. Its Australian arm is considering suing Bre-X, the scandal-hit owner of that Indonesian "gold" mine. Little wonder Waverley shares have halved in value since January. This was when PDFM, now with 25 per cent, carried out its last round of buying.

Birt's bash

THE handover of Hong Kong's sov-ereignty on June 30 is shaping up to be such a massive party that the People's Army might not find much left to drink when they finally arrive. Any number of the great and the good are finding compelling reasons to be there. Latest invitee is John Birt, director-general of the BBC, a guest of the Foreign Office. By coincidence one of his closest lieutenants. Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News, will also be in South East Asia - but we are assured not Hong Kong scouting out bits of his new emnire there, World Service News. Some curmudgeons at the BBC are wondering why two such key people really have to be absent in the same part the world at the same time.

MARTIN WALLER



John Birt: hitching a ride to the party in Hong Kong?

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National Express joins forces with Norwegian group

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NATIONAL EXPRESS, the transport group, has launched its expansion into continental Europe by naming Schoyen Group, one of Norway's big-gest bus operators, as its

The two companies have set up Concordia Bus, a joint venture that will be 63 per cent owned by National Express, to bid for the stream of privatised contracts that it expects to emerge this summer.

It will now be competing head-to-head with Stagecoach. its United Kingdom rival, which is also targeting the Scandinavian market through Swebus, the Swedish com-pany which it bought last

Phil White, the chief executive of National Express. said that the company would not just bid for public transport contracts but would primarily become a vehicle for acquisitions of other bus

through strategic alliances. operators in Scandinavia and The company already runs 80 per cent of British long-haul He said: "The private sector routes, and has taken on the largest part of Britain's privatised railway network. is set to play an increasingly important role throughout Europe. The experience of Schoyen is a broad-based National Express of operating transport operator which provides about 40 per cent of Oslo's bus services and em-

in the highly competitive, de-regulated United Kingdom transport sector combined ploys 800 staff. with Schoyen's local expertise The City treated the news will make Concordia a powerwith caution yesterday, with many analysts reserving judg-He added that Concordia ment until the company will be targeting leading proved that it could make an operators which have fleets of quisition at the right price. more than 500 buses, but

One said: "They are enter-ing a completely different ball game here and will be in for a shock if they think that European governments are as keen Concordia as a blueprint for as the British to sell transport European expansion in other at giveaway prices to sectors such as rail transport. But Mr White said that the

National Express shares, which have been falling from 573p over the past six weeks. eased a further 32p to 4912p.



DCC confident | Sales at API of growth as profits rise 22%

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on a 22 per cent increase in

sales to IrE221 million. The

company said that the trend

towards eating out, healthy eating and snacks, between main meals had helped the

Earnings at DCC Health-

care rose 70 per cent to Ir£5.13

million. The increase was

helped by the first full-year

contribution from DMA, the

Welsh manufacturer of mobil-

on margins after a steep rise in product costs. Turnover

rose 17-per cent to IrEUS

Jim Flavin, the chief execu-

tive and deputy chairman of DCC, said: "Each of DCC's

divisions is budgeting for growth in the current year

and the group's financial

strength and cashflows will

support their continued acqui-

SHARES in DCC rose to a record high yesterday after the industrial holding company, which is based in Ireland, reported a 22.2 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to Ir£35.27 million, and said that it was looking forward to further growth in the current

The company, which has interests spanning the computer, healthcare, food and energy industries is increasing the total dividend by 16 per cent to Ir8p a share, by way of a Ir4.96p final. The shares rose 14p. to 326 2p, on the London Stock Exchange

Group turnover increased by 17 per cent at 1r£627.7 million. DCC SerCom, the group's computer services division, lifted sales by 22 per cent to Ir£202 million, while operating profit rose 36 per operating profit rose 36 per cent to just above Ire10 milion, helped by a satisfactory performance at Printech Group, its manufacturing ser-

DCC Foods saw profits rise

pound's rise

THE strong pound could not stop API, the specialist pack-aging and coatings company, from increasing interim pretax profits by 44 per cent, to f6.1 million (£4.2 million). Sales in the six months to

March 31 grew to £70 million (£58.2 million), boosted by the acquisition last May of the Learoyd packaging group. Credit Lyonnais Laing, its broker, expects API to record pre-tax profits of about £15 million for the full year. Mike

Smith, chief executive of API, said that its order book is strong and the buoyant pound, which lopped £1 mil-tion off interim profit, seems to ity and rehabilitation products.
But profits at DCC Energy have stabilised. Operating profit margin rose from 7.5 per cent to 8.5 per dipped 10 per cent to IrE73 million because of pressure

cent. The margin would have reached 10 per cent but for the El.I million start-up costs at its metallising business, which produces aluminium-coated abels and wrappers for products such as beer bottles and butter. Mr Smith said that the new metallising arm was expected to become profitable by September, about ten months ahead of schedule.

An interim dividend of 4,93p (4,48p) is due on July 4.

Property group agrees refinancing

LONDON & METROPOLITAN, the troubled property inwestment and development group, yesterday announced the terms of a financial restructuring agreed with Bank of Scotland, its principal banker. These include a debt-forscottand, its principal banker. These include a dept-tor-equity swap and an increase in working capital to £12 mil-lion to enable the implementation of a debt reduction pro-gramme under which most of the existing properties and development sites will be sold. Medium term debts of £15.4

million are being converted into a single ordinary share.

Bank of Scottand's shareholding will fall from 38.2 to 12.2

per cent. The combined shareholdings of directors and senior employees will increase from 3.9 to 16.9 per cent, while an employee share ownership trust will hold a further 13 per cent. The shares were unchanged at 4 ap.

First Leisure buoyant

FIRST LEISURE Corporation, the bowling alley to bingo halls group that will be headed by Michael Grade from the summer, said yesterday that sales in the six months to April summer, sard yesterday uses sales at the six atomics of figure.

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1.77 p. a share (2.86p). A final dividend of 1.2p, due on June 30, makes a 2p total. The shares rose lop, to a high of 256'2 p.

BBA raises £20m

BBA, the UK engineering company, continued the eisposal of non-core businesses yesterday with the sale of PC: Cox: (Newbury). Ltd. a manufacturer of sealant applicators, to a new group, which has been formed by CVC Capital Partners, for £20 million. The price comprises £18 million in cash payable on completion and a loan note in respect of the balance. The proceeds from the sale will be used to reduce borrowings.

Rugby Estates expands

RUGBY ESTATES is spending £8.4 million extending its Covent Garden property holdings by buying a 40,000 sq ft block at the junction of Strand and Bedford Street. Rugby said the deal was its largest acquisition, producing an initial rental yield of 8 per cent but expected to rise to 10 per cent. Rugby's central Landon holdings are now worth E34 million.

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Open letters to the new powers-that-be from a QC, Martin Bowley; a solicitor, James Burnett-Hitchcock, right; and a retired judge, bottom

Now it's time for answers

Dear Lord Chancellor

Lord Chancellor. What sort — and size — of Bar will vears of a Labour Government? The Bar in independent practice totals just over 9,000. At the present rate it could number 11,000 by the year 2000. But will it? The external pressures are not just political. Lord Woolf's reforms, with their emphasis on case-management, written submissions, limited oral argument and court-appointed experts, should lead to shorter trials, more economic litigation and presumably, fewer and less vell-paid lawyers.

Pressures on legal aid budgets exist in all common law jurisdictions. So there is a real possibility that block legal aid contracts and legal aid franchising will be extended to the Bar. The decision of the senior judges to allow Crown prosecutors to appear in pretrial reviews and as juniors with counsel must affect the criminal bar. And plans for standard legal aid fees in civil and family cases will have a devastating impact on num-

bers in those areas. We must, therefore, all have questions for Lord Irvine. Here are just ten of mine:

extension of rights of audience for solicitors?

 Do you believe the Bar should amend its rules to allow for direct lay access and partnerships? • If there is to be no extra

public money, how will you reallocate existing funds to provide legal aid for tribunals? How soon will you establish your appointments commission, how will its members be selected and will it cover the system for selection of QCs? · Will you ask officials to establish and publish the cost to the public purse of running the present silks system? Would you consider urgent-

ly creating a system of gradu-ated fees for civil and family legal aid work? What proposals have you for financing young entrants to the profession so it does not revert to its one-time Wasp public-school, Oxbridge pro-

 Are you satisfied with existing procedures for converting Law Commission proposals into legislation?

Do you favour moves towards multi-disciplinary part-

 What are your law reform priorities?

This country is already going down the American ly bad for lawyers' incomes. More people want to train for the Bar despite the problems of obtaining pupillages and tenancies. But it seems likely that the Bar's size will contract. The irms of Court can survive only with rent structures at the very top of the property market. What will be the effect if they can no longer let all their space?

What will be the impact on

the Bar Council if its subscription base is reduced and the inns can no longer afford the present level of subvention? At least one Inn is conducting a ture role and has commissioned a series of papers from benchers with different perspectives, analysing that lnn's strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats. At the same time, the Bar Council has dispensed with its planning committee.

Surely any modern profession must have in place machinery for long-term strategic thinking. In July 2000 the American Bar Association will hold its annual meeting in London. Its last visit, 12 years ago, was a splendid occasion, with a re-dedication ceremony at Runnymede, sessions at the Albert and Westminster Halls. dinners and garden parties in the Inns of Court. The profesroad and becoming more liti-gious. New legislation is rare-sion of being thriving.



Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, the new Lord Chancellor

confident and expanding. In truth, it was riven with splits over rights of audience, low fee levels for legal aid and prosecution work had reduced morale at the Criminal Bar to crisis point, the Bar Council was out of touch with barristers and a reformist group was poised to sweep the surer of the Bar Council.

board at the annual elections. We owe it to ourselves, the public, and our future to have some idea of what the Bar will be like in 2000, and the years beyond. There are plenty of questions. But who is working on the answers?

The Woolf is at your door

Dear Lord Chancellor

appointment and good luck - you will need it. Your party is after a Nobel Prize for law and order. It expects the legal aid budget to shrink by magic while the consumer lobby clamours to assert its rights in the courts and expects cost and delay to vanish overnight.

So, what to do about Lord Woolf's "Access to Justice" reforms? Should you press ahead - and with all or part of them? Alas, the obvious questions are a red herring. Implementation has begun and in a way likely to create difficulties at best; disaster at

What made Lord Woolf's report different from its forerunners was consultation. No ivory tower pronouncement, but the product of thorough discussion between Lord Woolf's team and those in civil justice who thought they owned the proposals — and now want them implemented. But how? Lord Woolf set some clear pointers: civil justice should not be a series of discrete boxes - Lord Chancellor's Department (LCD), judiciary, practitioners and consumers (each telling the other what to do, but not listening) — but a partnership. serving society at an acceptable price and pace. The partners, he said, should articulate their needs through a civil justice council headed by the Vice-Chancellor. Information technology is crucial: to manage work volume and conduct of individual cases.

Above all, we need a continuation of Lord Woolf's consultative process - the only way to achieve the crucial change in culture.

This is what most judges. lawyers and consumers want. The report came out in July 1996. Within two months, a seven-year contract was let by your department to EDS, a multinational IT contractor. to computerise the entire court system. Not a word of discussion, it seems, with other players. But anyone will tell you that he who owns the IT

strategy is master of the game. The proposal for a Civil Justice Council was ignored until pressure from the profession compelled your department to recant. But the prime task of the council should have been to monitor IT strategy from day one.

"new landscape" in litigation. Re-replacing 6,200 pages of High Court and County Court rules is a mammoth task. Who is doing it? Not the successful working parties set up by Lord Woolf. Not the masters and district judges,

son instructed by your depart-ment. Incomplete draft rules (no protocols or practice guides) came out last July comments by November. Target date for implementation is October next year.

And training? The Judicial Studies Board (JSB) has started training sessions in case management - but for judges alone. How ironic it would be to see the project sunk not by cost but by entrenched ways and your department's determination to preserve power at all cost.

Many of us want Woolf to happen and it could yet if, for instance, you: reinstate the "Woolf working parties" and have the people drafting your rules consult them; review the EDS contract and make your department consult fully with the Civil Justice Council, which would control IT strategy: tell the JSB to work with the Law Society (much better able to mount a training programme) in evolving training for judges and prac-

and IT are ready. Who will run civil justice a partnership of all led by yourself and the Vice-Chancellor, or the departmental mandarins? If the latter, Woolf won't work.

The author is senior litigation

How judges view the Home Office's role: Sir Frederick Lawton pens an open letter to Jack Straw, the new Home Secretary

Dear Home Secretary

We must start working together

The new Home Secretary has an urgent repair job to do. He should, as soon as he can, establish a good relationship with the judges. He and they must work together in harmony if there is to be an effective penal policy to tackle the acute crime situation. He must trust them; and they must stop regarding him as and discretion in sentencing. The former tradition that judges should not publicly criticise penal policy save through the Lord Chief Justice, speaking in House of a loss of liberty of between six and nine Lords debates, should be observed.

a loss of liberty of between six and nine months. Within days of this provision



Straw: He must trust the judges

judges and the Home Office began to turn sour with the Criminal Justice Act 1961. By its section 3, judges lost much of their discretion in the sentencing of young offenders aged 15 to 21. Unless minded to pass a custodial sentence of less than six months or of three or more years, they had to impose Borstal training, in practice months. Within days of this provision taking effect, injustices began to appear. The judges protested at this restriction on their sentencing powers. One Home Secretary after another ignored their protests. Injustices continued until Borstal training was abolished in 1982.

Since then, new forms of interference with judicial discretion over sentencing have been introduced — the most controversial being the Crime (Sentences) Act 1997, which brought in mandatory sentences for some offenders. In the Bill's original form, Michael Howard, QC, the then Home Secretary, seemed to be relieving the judges of their constitutional duty to do justice in mercy, which rests upon them as the Queen's delegates.

Home Secretaries should accept that judges know more about sentencing than do they and their advisers. Judges will know what the offender before them did and the circumstances of the offence. Those who appear in court form part of a penal spectrum. At one end they may be wicked villains for whom the harshest punishment is appropriate; at the other, mentally disturbed or of low intelligence, needing treatment or help. Putting offenders into statutory categories makes the

Relations between the Supreme Court doing of justice unnecessarily difficult. Home Secretaries can learn much from

mistakes made in the past. In the second half of the 18th century, Parliament, no doubt encouraged by the Home Secretaries of the time, thought mandatory capital sentences deterred offenders. They did not. In the 1820s there was established the parliamentary convention that penal statutes should enact the appropriate sentence for the most grave form of the offences, leaving ju es to decide on the facts of the cases before them what the sentences should be. The recent statute providing for mandatory sentences is a clear breach of this convention. The new Home Secretary should observe it.

Many members of the public, who have no detailed knowledge of the problems which judges and magistrates have to solve, believe criminals can be deterred by harsh sentences. They seldom are. Sever-ity was tried with the Prisons Act 1865, which brought in hard labour in the form of stone-breaking in the quarries on Dartmoor and at Portland. By the end of the century the public came to appreciate that these punishments were unacceptable in a modern democracy. They were abolished by the Prisons Act 1898.

During this century Home Secretaries seem to have been convinced that impris-oning persistent offenders for years served the public interest. The new Home Secretary has made statements showing that he shares this opinion. He should consider the results of the penal policies on persistent offenders which his predecessors introduced. The Prevention of Crimes Act 1908 created the offence of being an habitual criminal, attracting a sentence of not less than five years or more than 14 following any previous sentence of five years or more.

This Act made no contribution to crime prevention because juries refused to convict. In 1956, 1,384 offenders could have been sentenced to preventive detention but only 178 were. In 1961 this kind of sentence was abolished.

One of the reasons why penal policy has

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failed in some aspects since 1986 is that Home Secretaries have not consulted judges, magistrates and lawvers beforehand. There is a way of doing so, through the Criminal Law Revision Committee set up by Rab Butler in 1959 to advise the Government on changes in the criminal law. Its membership embraced judges of all ranks, magistrates, and lawyers both

practising and academic. it met monthly until the autumn of

1986. It has never met since. It produced 18 reports. The Home Office accepted all its specific recommendations.

The provisions in the Criminal Law Act

1991, dropped after six months, would never have been included had the committee been consulted beforehand. The same is true of the controversial provision in the Crime (Sentences) Bill (now Act) which removed nearly all judicial discretion for specified offences.

Perhaps the committee should be

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He goes on to claim that the results of a new poll by NOP, commissioned by Chambers &



Partners, shows (surprise, sur-prise) that the "clear market leader among directories is the Chambers Directory". Unfortunately there will be no election to resolve this debate, so it may run and run.

Screen test

JUDGE Butler, QC, whose colourful judicial career ended last week when he retired as number one judge at Southwark Crown Court, will not be out of the public eye for long. Next month he presides in a BBC2 television programme, Trial by Jury. a staged murder trial using real lawyers, members of the public as the jury, and actors as defendants and witnesses.

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secondhand legal publishing empire? Since the departure Steve Brill, famous in America as the founder of American Lawyer magazine and Court TV, Time Warner has put the mag up for sale. It is seeking a buyer for the whole American Lawyer division, which includes another

ten magazines and a related

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ever, is not included.

THE Lord Chancellor plays a key role in the state opening of Parliament tomorrow, presenting the Queen with her speech and then having to negotiate the steps down from the throne backwards -- without, of course, falling over.

hosts a reception at his official residence overlooking the Thames. Until now, this has always been restricted to the topmost judges: law lords, the Lord Chief Justice and so on, who rub shoulders with former prime ministers and other government peers. But this year. Lord Irvine is said to be breaking with tradition by including those at the coalface of the law. He is rumoured to be inviting circuit judges, district judges and magistrates.

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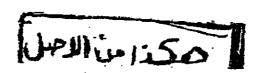
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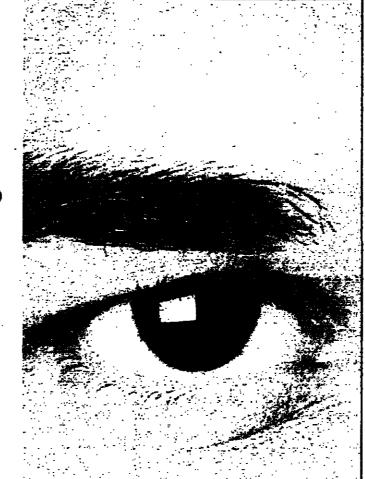
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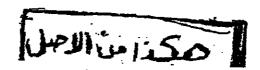
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Mind my language: Stephen Jakobi on the problems that can arise in cases of 'foreign' justice

When justice is hard to understand

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year-old Scot was arrested at Moscow airport in Empary last year, while accompanying a 23-year-old Dutch woman on a circuitous flight from Cuba to Western Europe. The suitcases they carried contained a arge quantity of cocaine in false pottoms. In July the older woman pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years' jail.

Henderson maintained that she had been set up: nevertheless, when her trial took place last October. the was sentenced to six years in a Russian labour camp. Her Russian . awyers appealed on various grounds, including the absence of actual consideration in arriving at a guilty

On April 15 the Appeal Court granted her a retrial on the ground that her Engwell-founded lish-language inter-preter was incompeinstances of tent and incomprehensible. She is now incompetent being held illegally in prison, because the translation' court made no provision for her continued detention

pending retrial and both our em- in the UK costs £8 in Holland, this bassy and her lawyers have regisbassy and her lawyers have regis-tered official protests. During the original trial, both she and her lawvers had repeatedly applied, in vain, for a change of interpreter.

This case highlights perhaps the most basic legal right of a foreigner accused in civilised society: to be understood and to understand. It is astonishing how often in practice this right is ignored in the day-today business of lower-tier courts throughout Europe.

The problem often starts long before trial, even during preliminary questioning. Dharmadei Jawahir, 52, a disabled mother of seven, is Dutch. In January 1995, she was invited to accompany a friend for a shopping trip to England. She says she intended to buy some clothes and several

stopped in Harwich and a large quantity of cocaine was found in its structure. The UK is, thanks to the pioneering work of the Nuffield Foundation, pre-eminent in the training and supply of legal interpreters for such a situation and a Dutch interpreter was provided. Unfortunately, Mrs Jawahir is of Asian origin and was not fluent in

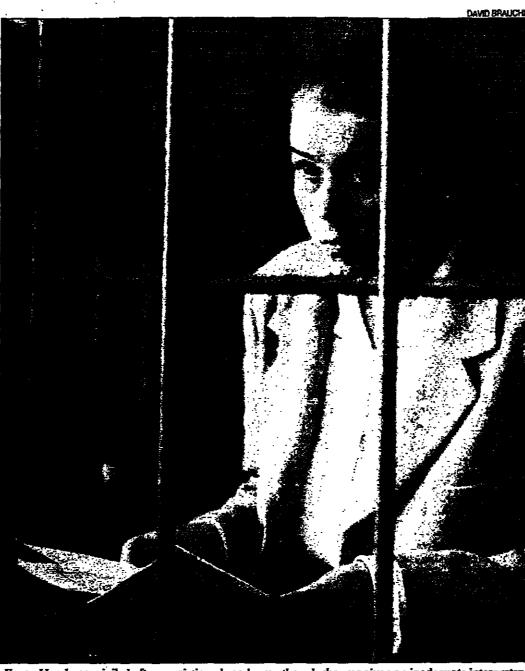
The rest of her story has the inevitability of a Greek tragedy. At her trial in July 1995, she was again supplied with a Dutch interpreter for the duration of the trial. She says she did not understand what was going on and was incapable of

following the evidence of witnesses and giv-There have ing proper instructions as the trial proceeded. A Hindi interpreter did arrive to translate her own evidence but immediately departed when she finished. Again, fright prevented her protesting, and despite the Crown prosecutor's accepting the evidence that a £1.50 bottle of Dettol

> being a minder for the driver. She now sits, weeping, in Holloway prison in north London.

One of her sons in The Netherlands has a fatal illness. It would be a relatively simple matter for her to be transferred to Holland for the rest of her sentence and to see him before he died. But if she applies for such a transfer, she would have to accept her guilt as a condition. She is refusing to apply and fears she will never see her son

There have been so many wellfounded complaints about translation, at all stages of proceedings, that the interpreter problem is possibly the greatest discrimina-



Karen Henderson: jailed after conviction abroad, even though she was given an inadequate interpreter

tory barrier to justice for European Union citizens. Article 6(3) of the European Convention on Human Rights provides that anyone charged with a criminal offence has the right inter alia "to be informed properly, in a language which he understands and in detail, of the nature and cause of the accusation against him" and "to have the free assistance of an interpreter if he cannot understand or speak the language used in court."

A European Court of Human Rights decision, Kamasinski v Austria. relating specifically to the provision of court interpretation services, states that the provision of an interpreter alone is not enough. Those providing the service are responsible for the standard and competence of the interpreter.

The institutions of the European Union are certainly aware of this problem and when the European Commission's multinational programme on legal co-operation, the Grotius programme, was started earlier this year, one of the first projects funded an inquiry into current standards of legal interpretation throughout Europe.

This Fair Trials Abroad research project has made a good start under the leadership of Sara de Mas, formerly co-ordinator of the Nuffield project in England, but the eventual goal of recognised EU standards of legal interpretation is many years away.

The only protection for the Hendersons and Jawahirs, meanwhile, is the vigilance of all those involved in the legal process - from law enforcers to judges.

● The author, a solicitor, is director of the Fair Trials Abroad Trust (0181-332

Meeting to beat global criminals

Frances Gibb on the criminal law reform conference with a world focus

ism and other organised crimes, including computer crime and child prostitution, have burgeoned in the past decade. All are transnational, so the law and law enforcement authorities increasingly have to work across national boundaries. This summer, with that in mind, criminal experts from worldwide jurisdictions will meet in London to agree strategies and exchange information at the 10th anniversary conference of the Society for the Reform of the Criminal Law.

The conference, to be opened by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Comhill, will provide the venue for a top-level debate on topics ranging from money-laundering and police investigative powers to a Bill of Rights and sentencing.

The meeting, from July 27 to August I, is expected to attract several hundred judges and lawyers from Commonwealth and other jurisdictions, including the Far East. Michael Hill. OC, the conference chairman. says: "People will be looking at how we cope with organised transnational crime, an anxiety all the jurisdictions have, while not being pushed into draconian measures but seeking to maintain the basic rights of individuals."

David Veness, an assistant commissioner from the Metropolitan Police, will speak on transnational and organised crime, Roy Penrose, deputy assistant commissioner, regional crime squads of England and Wales, and Willy Bruggeman, of Europol, on drug trafficking. The former legal adviser to the UK security services, David Bickford, will speak on terrorism, and Albert Pacey, director general of the National Criminal Intelligence Service (UK), on money-laundering.
There will be workshop and

seminar sessions on disclosure, police powers, entrapment and the use of informers, extradition and mutual assistance between countries, legal aid, plea bargaining and defendants' rights.

Dr David Thomas, QC, will chair a session on sentencing. Two key topics — one domes tic, one international - will dominate the final full conference debate: the merits and pitfalls of a Bill of Rights, one of the Government's proposed constitutional reforms, on which speakers will include the High Court judge Mr Justice Sedley: and the proposed United Nations international criminal court. Steven Kay, QC, and Judge Adolphus Karib-Whyte

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Tribunal at The Hague. The event is also a significant one for the Society for the Reform of the Criminal Law itself. Based in Canada, the society was started in London ten years ago when 200 experts from around the world gathered at the Inns of Court to discuss the reform of criminal law. They agreed to found the society, a charitable association, as a permanent focus for criminal law reform and as a catalyst for research and development

have since been conducted and in 1991, the society linked with the Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia to set up an International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy. The centre, in Vancouver, is now affiliated to the United Nations as one of its international

Mr Hill is hopeful that this year's conference will have a significant impact in law reform and in forwarding the society's anti-isolationist message. "What we do here in the UK has an impact on what others do, and vice versa," he says.

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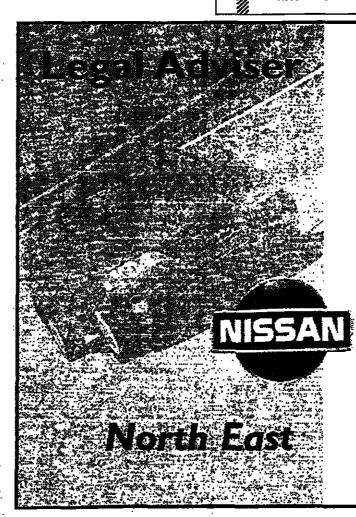
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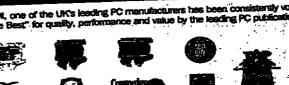
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In spite of gloomy predictions, the British appetite for costume is undiminished, says Jennai Cox

· Fancy for dressing up retains its glamour

elebrities at Etton John's recent 50th birthday party are proof that the British have lost none of their appetite for ng up, according to hire shops.

Recent reports that a more serious younger generation is shurming fancy dress and forcing shops to go out of business are untrue, they claim. More shops than ever are coming into the market in response to the public's demand for elaborate, upmarket cosnumes and to cater for what they expect will be an unprecedented run on hiring fancy dress in the run-up to the millennium celebrations.

Costume hire shops that ceased trading during the recession did so for reasons that had nothing to do with a

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themselves'

puritanical attitude towards fancy dress, Peter Rigby membership secretary of the British Costume Association, says. Shops went under for the same reasons as in any other type of business, "If anything, men in particular are more keen than and make fools of them-

selves," he says. Mr Rigby also says that many of the shops reported to have disappeared had actually moved to larger premises, and those that had to close have all been replaced. "Of 1:000 shops we recently wrote to only 50 had gone out of business," he says. "And we have 55 new members so far this year."

The market for costume hire has, however, changed and the surviving outlets are the ones that have adapted and diversified to meet the new demand. Businesses have had to add another string or two to their bow," Mr Rigby adds.

Mr Rigby's own company, Antrix, at Maidstone in Kent, which was started from a private costume collection 20 years ago; now uses computer technology to print party invitations and theme packs.

osturnes worn by the Conserva Magic tricks, juggling equipment, stage lighting and face painting are all areas the London Marathon and the into which the owners of fancy dress shops have expanded to support their main business.

Mr Rigby says: "It is fair to say shops cannot survive on costume hire alone anymore. Proprietors are looking forward and anticipating what the turn of the century might bring."

The market is getting older and growing more particular, according to Tracy Puffet, who hires her 4,000 outfits from Bumbleweed's Magic Wardrobe in Cheltenham and supplies costume patterns to others in the trade.

People become less inhibited as they get older," she says. "But they still want to look good when they go out, no matter what they wear. There is no longer room for the cheap, shabby

Theme nights, corporate promotional days. and business-tobusiness team-building events increasingly supplement the traditional seasonal demand for costumes, Ms Puffet says. She is already receiving inquiries about the millennium celebrations and

is in the process of ordering another 2,000 fancy dress outfits in preparation for the event

We are building up our range of historical and space age costumes," she says. "The public will suddenly start walking through the door and want something immediately. People love celebrating and we have to start getting ready for it now."

With December 31, 1999, falling on a Friday, the industry is expecting a weekend packed with parties and there is an awareness that the public will want to make it more memorable than any past New Year's Eve.

Vic Worthy, who hires costumes to customers of his themed restaurant, Knights Out. in Reading city centre and is building a new booking office to cope with



Eunice Shrimpton runs a costume hire business from her home in Cambridgeshire. "If your stock is up to scratch you should hire or sell to 98 per cent of customers."

erty investors own shops

where there is still very weak

demand from occupiers. Some in-town locations are strug-

gling to compete with out-of-

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says that retailers have seen

an improvement in sales over

the past six months. However,

Meanwhile, Barclays Mer-

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demand, expects thousands of people to be dressed up to welcome in the new

People can change character when in costume, they can really let their hair down. Mr Worthy says. They work hard now and want to play hard, and to do that they like to pretend and get out of themselves. Most of our customers come back time and time again and we have

already got several bookings for the millennium.

Gearing up for the year 2000 celebrations, though, is only part of what is keeping fancy dress shop owners run off their feet. Eunice Shrimpton, who runs Pepe's Costume Hire from her home near St Neots in Cambridgeshire, has a policy of allowing customers to make evening appointments, and says that there is a

widespread demand for costumes spring-

Amateur dramatic societies, murdermystery weekends, period weddings, Sixties-style discos and Tudor banquets are just some of the events that she has supplied. Such has been the level of demand that Ms Shrimpton has arranged many of the events herself.

As education and seminar organiser for

the British Costume Association, Ms Shrimpton also points out that hiring fancy dress is one of the few areas of business in which the proprietors should make a "sale" every time a customer steps into the shop.

"Customers do not come in to browse," she says. "If your service is right and your

good to see that retailers are

finally leaving behind the

effects of recession and are

now experiencing solid

tainly returning as they are not

relying on the 'feel-good' factor

to improve their business but

are concentrating their efforts

on marketing themselves bet-

ter to customers.

THE SEATIMES

Business confidence is cer-

Funding pledge by electronics chief

By BRIAN COLLETT

SMALL electronics companies are to be helped to draw the unclaimed public funds to which they are entitled: -

The pledge was made last k by Barry Wood, the new president of the Federation of the Electronics Industry, as small and medium-size enterprises during his year of office. Mr Wood, the federation's

first president from a small business, pointed out that 97 per cent of Britain's 70,000 companies in the electronics and related industries employ fewer than 20 people, and some were bewildered by the arrangements under which finance was available from the Government and EU.

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Mr Wood said that he would encourage long-term partnerships between small specialist suppliers and large corporations rather than casual, oneoff associations. He believed this interdependence would be of increasing importance. -

His other main aim as president will be to ensure that small companies' views were heard by the federation and, where appropriate, passed on to the Government or Europe. At the same time he declared himself against red tape. He said: "We would not

SMALL businesses are in-

specting empty council-owned

property in the London Bor-

ough of Camden under an

initiative to increase economic

activity there (Rodney Hobson

The Business Opportunity

Scheme, which aims to match

homeless businesses with

empty commercial property.

was launched last month at a

trade fair at the Camden

Centre. About 600 people at-

tended and businesses from

London and further afield

have been invited to view



Barry Wood, federation president: partnership aims

want to be hidebound by overcontrol from government and we look forward to Europe being an open marketplace that is not constrained by the dogma of bureaucracy."

Camden opportunity drive

to put in a business plan. Since

enterprises that have been

running for less than a year

were targeted, Camden Coun-

cil is running workshops and courses to help them to draw up proposals. The idea has the

backing of Camden Enter-

prise (Čenta) and came out of

discussion between council-

Camden council owns 1,100

properties and some have

been standing empty. A batch

of 25 that had been unused for

more than a year were picked

for the initiative. Several were

lors and officers.

Mr Wood, 59, is chairman

and managing director of Celab, based at Bordon, Hampshire. He led a management buyout in 1990 after it had been taken over by Asea Brown Boveri, the Swiss-Swedish conglomerate.

shop units on housing estates

Small industrial work units

were also included. Grants of

up to £2,000 will be available

towards the cost of occupation

and business grants will re-

duce rents by 75 per cent, 50

per cent and 25 per cent in the

first three years. Leases will

Applicants will also have

access to business support

services offered by Centa,

including business planning

workshops, management con-

sultancy, and advice on

accounting, law, marketing

and information technology.

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By Rodney Hobson AS MANY small businesses

have come to suspect, accounants will be the main beneficiaries of the introduction this year of self-assessment fo income tax.

Businesses

sceptical

over new

tax system

phone directory, estimates that 85 per cent of businesses will be employing accountants or tax advisers to complete their tax returns, while only 10 per cent feel they can

Although it was widely known that there were penalties for late returns, few knew



"It would be nice if somebody gave me some money"

suitable buildings. ☐ European money has been granted to help to develop businesses and to create 12,500 jobs in the East Midlands, Plymouth and Thanet in Kent as areas whose manufacturing industries have declined. The East Midlands will receive 113.7 million ecus (£80 million) for research and innovative technology programmes, while the 38.5 million ecus (£27 million) for Plymouth and the 22.3 million ecus (£15 million) for Thanet will be devoted to tourism-related businesses. Public funds in the UK will add about £168

million and the private sector

March 31, the group had EIZ

about £28 million.

☐ A second edition of 101 Ways to Start Your Own Business has been published by

Kogan Page. The publisher has also produced Make That Call, giving advice on improving telephone skills. Both cost £8.99.

☐ A seminar on planning for succession in family businesses will be run by the Stoy Centre for Family Business, at Bournemouth on May 21. The same day the centre will also run a seminar in London on floating or selling a family business. Details: 0171-486 5888.

□ NatWest Bank has set aside £50 million to lend to small and medium-size companies with projects to lessen damage to the environment.

 \square A free guide to factoring and invoice discounting, Making Your Cash Flow, is available from the Factors and Discounters Association. Call 0171-290 6938.

☐ The demand for tempo-

ber 31. The shares closed up

rary secretaries and clerical staff by small and mediumsize businesses is reported by the Office Angels recruitment agency to be 60 per cent higher than five years ago. The company says that emplayers that used temporary staff after reducing numbers during recession have continued the practice.

☐ The 1997 Europartenariat events, the informal international forums for small businesses run by the European Union, will be in Piraeus, Greece, on June 23 and 24, and in Clermont-Ferrand, central France, in October. Details: 01203 694484.

Shoppers back in high street, says study BY RODNEY HOBSON though some high-street rents many retailers are cautious of are now growing, many proppredicting further growth in Merchant Services, said: "It is

spite of the spending power

that will be unleashed by

Retailers say that their own

efforts in improving advertis-

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brought about the better per-

formance, although there is an

increasing belief that there has

been a genuine pick-up in the

Tony Slater, sales and mar-

economy

building society windfalls.

THERE IS encouraging news

at last for small high-street retailers — rents are rising slowly, and shoppers are returning. Richard Ellis, the property consultancy, says that in-town shop rents grew by only 2.7 per cent in the 12 months to April

30. while office rents were Angus McIntosh, its direc-

increasing by 6.2 per cent. tor of research, said: "Al-AN EXCLUSIVE READER OFFER

do the job themselves. Business Pages talked to

500 businesses with turnover below £5 million. Only three out of every ten thought selfassessment was a step in the right direction, while twice as many, said it would involve more time and paperwork. About 65 per cent complained that it would neither make their business more efficient nor save them money.

Although the overwhelm ing majority of small busi-nesses have kept all the relevant records since April last year, many could still be in for a nasty shock. The finding that 65 per cent of businesses claimed to be prepared for self-assessment has to be set against the fact that just over half were unaware of exactly what the new system involves.

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MANCHESTER UNITED and Rangers may have won their respective league cham-pionships but that does not mean that their players will make the grade with some of our managers in the Interactive Team Football game.

The weekly prize-winner is Mr B. Bear. of Grays, in Essex, and he has shunned both teams. His two best performers this week are from Newcastle United, who finished runners-up to United in the FA Carling Premiership. Darren Peacock, who played at centre half for Newcastle when they beat Nottingham Forest 5-0 in their final game of the season, earned 11 points after three matches this week goal being without a

conceded. However, it was one of Mr Bear's full backs who was the star of his team, Teddy Three. Robbie Elliott had not scored a goal for Newcastle in almost two season until Dalglish replaced Kevin Keegan as manager and switched the Z3-year-old to midfield. This move may have not been what Mr Bear may have wanted but since Elliott has scored seven goals in 17 games, and been instrumental in him winning the £250 prize as the weekly winner, he probably has few complaints. Mr Bear's team is:

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Godolphin seeks to revive fortunes

RACING CORRESPONDENT

IT MAY not have quite the news value of man bites dog, but the disappointing perfor-mance of the Godolphin horses, notably in the classics. is beginning to make Sheikh Mohammed and his team decidedly uncomfortable. If the poor form continues at York this week they may start to worry for the first time since the Dubai racing venture was established.

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lents at the weekend.

"We are sending out the big guns at York and will be looking for results," he added. "Some people have been questioning whether our horses are healthy but, healthwise, there is nothing to indicate the

THE controversy arising from Entrepreneur's unpubli-

cised racecourse gallop before

the 2,000 Guineas has

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time in the royal blue livery.

Trained last season by Barry Hills, when she carried the silks of Sheikh Mohammed's Darley Stud operation, the Selkirk filly progressed with

The value of that performance was underlined when the runner-up won the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket. How-

Reams Of Verse, sixth in the 1,000 Guineas on her reappearance, contests the Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York today ever, the form choice in the race is Reams Of Verse, who finished a respectable sixth in the 1,000 Guineas behind her stablemate, Sleepytime, having won three of here four starts last term, including the Fillies' Mile at Ascot. The Nureyev filly should relish

appreciate the underfoot conditions and increased test of stamina, while the lightly raced Noisette and Society Rose are open to improvement However, Reams Of Verse is the class act.

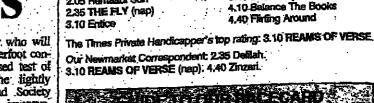
Angus-G makes some appeal in the opening Yorkshire Life Magazine Handicap. Mary Reveley's progressive five year old was always travelling like a winner at Newmarket four weeks ago and, despite being hampered two furlongs out, still won cosily.

Nap: ANGUS-G (2.05 York) Next best: Firting Around (4.40 York)

A 51b rise in the handicap should not stop him winning again at the main expense of Remaadi Sun and Temptress.

The Shepherd Trophy Rated Stakes (2.35) is difficult for backers with a field of largely unexposed three-year-olds, several of whom can be expected to improve significantly now they are tackling 14 miles for the first time. Noble Dane, Silverani and Sugarfoot have sound claims but Blue River is just preferred after a fine effort at Newmarket on his seasonal reappearance.

Double Spleadour has won first time out for the last two years, goes well at York and is the percentage call in the Stanley Racing Sprint (3.40). Hoh Returns and Yorkie George head the list of dangers.



103 (12) 0-0432 6000 TIMES 74 (CD.DE.F.C.S) (Mrs. 0 Richinson) 6 Half 9-10-0 _ B West (4)

Received chatther. Draw in brachels. Str. Signer loom 6—left. P—pasted up 10—more detailed them. S—stepped up. 8—released. D—discussional, those's arone. Dues since lost outing 1 if jumps, F if Sat. (8—bigulers. V—word. H—hand. E—tyestheid. C—patres window n—discharam window.

ignorate in blast race). Going on which house has won (f — fart, good to live, mart. G — good. S — god, good to soft, beaut). Owner at brackets.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

TOTE JACKPUT MEETING

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2.05 YORKSHIRE LIFE MAGAZINE HANDICAP

(27, 3/5): 101 31-190yd) (12 DDMeS)

101 (7) 1200. ZARNASKA 199 (0.5) (Plancis Stat Lift) L Careani 6-8-13... R Resect (5)

102 (9) 1223-1 ANELS-8 27 (0.5-5) (W Gareal) Mice M Resetoy 5-9-11... K Daday

104 (11) -0-6305 HAZAPIS GLIMES 8 (C.D.F.G.S) (Careania Rector) J Pearce 4-9-9. S Bardwell

105 (3) 110-6 BERLIN GLIES 8 (C.D.F.G.S) (Careania Rector) J Pearce 4-9-9. S Bardwell

106 (6) 40-022 REMAND SUN 8 (V.C.D.F.) (T Bardwell Multers 5-9-1... Detact

107 (4) 1340-MZZ INSE 266 (0.5) (R Bardwell Multers 5-9-1... K Felton

108 (6) 40-022 REMAND SUN 8 (V.C.D.F.) (T Bardwell Multers 5-9-1... K Felton

109 (6) 40-022 REMAND SUN 8 (V.C.D.F.) (R Bardwell Designare 4-8-6.... D O'Domolos (3)

109 (5) 40-0 C SWAN HUMTER 12 (G) (A Gardwell D Calegrare 4-8-6.... D O'Domolos (3)

101 (12) 209-04 TBROTTERS 9 (D.F.S) (P Bardwell J L Hardwell A-6-4... Q Holdania

111 (2) 00-431 ALIGUSTAN 7 (C.F.J.F.S) (Bardwell J L Hardwell A-6-4... Q Holdania

112 (1) 5-0002 ARTHEAN SUN 7 (R Holder) M Chapters 4-7-10... P Fessoy (5)

113 (12) ARTHEAN SUN 7 (R Holder) M Chapters 4-7-10... P Fessoy (5) (£7,375: 1m 3i 195yd) (12 nmners)

Long handicage Adjusten 7-8, African Son 6-4 DETTING: 5-2 Angus-G. 4-1 Remand Sun. 6-1 Hazard A Guera, 6-1 Duraid, Tecapitosa, 16-1 Angustan, Berlin Bhu, Zardstal, 16-1 Anz King, 21-1 Steps Hunter, 23-1 Prospector's Cose, 66-1 Alnose Sen. 1996; REMARK! SUN 4-8-10 R Sheet (10-1) M (biter 12 per

FORM FOCUS

AMGUS-G best Galaphre 11H in 18-numer land-cap of Neumanist (1m 4L good) with HAZARD A SUESS (30b better of) H Srd and REMAADI SUM (50b better of) H Srd and REMAADI SUM (50b better of) H Srd and REMAADI SUM (50b better of) H Srd and REMAADI SUM neck 2nd of 9 in Poter Champ in handkarr at Doncaster (1m 21 of) Grood to soft with HAZARD A GUESS about 61 Std, DURAND-about 101 Std of 10 in Kyle Rines in

.35 SHEPHERO TROPHY RATED HANDICAP

(3-Y-0 fillies: £13,442: 1m 2i 85yd) (13 runners) (3-Y-0-filles: E13,442-1m 2) 85/y0) (13 rumpers)
201 (3) 3522-3 CAMAR ROYALE 24; F3 all Busin's Sin Family Satisment) T Saxon 9-7 J Carroll
202 (4) 3515-4 BALJ PRAMORSE 22; F3 (All Busin's Partnersing) P Code 9-6 ... T Coden
203 (12) 0114- THE FLY 24S (DE.E.) (ales J Coden) B Halls 9-2 ... M Hills
204 (13) 1-34 SUSARPOUT 9 (7) (ales J Coden) B Halls 9-2 ... M Hills
205 (1) 1155-5 BLUE RIVER 25; F3 (All Logo) T Allake 8-1 ... M J Konston
206 (3) 21-001 POLAR FLIGHT 9 (3) (The Biblichtern Penns) M JOSEPHO 8-13. ... J Wester
207 (10) 31006- MARATHON MAD 205 (6) (J Septembers & Sass Lidt R Faley 8-12 A College
208 (11) 22-1 SUMPANI 26 (7) G Silve) L Compani 8-12 ... L Defined
209 (9) 3-23 DELLAR 13 (87) (Regioniste Recting Link M Strate 8-10 ... J Robb
210 (2) 10-204 LOVE HAS TRO PRODE 8 (C.E.G.) (Ales 1 Response 8-10 ... Dane O'Neill
211 (9) 14-52-2 MF BOMERNSTRULE 45 (BF.F) (K 4-Sady B Hars 8-10 ... D Hodistad
212 (7) SU3-40 STONE FLOWER 26 (F) G Sangten) P Chapple-Hyana 8-8 ... R Hodis (3)
213 (8) 31-4 MOBLE DAME 25 (8) (The Bestine Purs) P Harts 8-4 ... Pat Editory
219 Incomplementary Nobio Dame 8-3.

canc Noble Dans 6-3. BETTONIC: \$-1 Streams, 71-2 The Fity, 5-1 Collisis, 7-1 Mr Bombattique, 8-1 Ball Paradise, Polar Flight, 16-1 Blue Rever, Love Has No Polds, 12-1 others:

FORM FOCUS

1990: DOMBEY 9-2 T Spaler (9-4 (1-by) R Charles 7 no

BALL PARADISE host Jelley Anothered 194 to backing at Newbory (7) 6441, good to firm). THE FLY text. Demoision Main 3 in handlear at Honostic (im, good in firm). Mil BOMBASTIQUE week 2nd of 7 to Mister Pink in Honostic (im 21, good to firm), mile POLAR FLIGHT (2b) at Honostey (if the 01 fit to Anni Albady in Handleap to Mister off) 6541 13th and LOVE HAS MO PROSE (3th).

3.10 TATTERSALLS MUSEJORA STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O; £26,048: 1m 2i 85yd) (10 runners)

___ 1990: MAGNETOENT STYLE B-8 M J Kleape (5-2) H Card 5 cm FORM FOCUS

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(i.n., good) ori perullamete statt. EMITES heat SOCIETY ROSE heat Kappilan 41 in malden at Fairs auck. In 7-mater fixed mar at Pointenact (1 ns. good). ETOILE beat My Valentine 2 kill. In Saturation KEAMS OF VERSE

3.40 STANLEY RACING SPRINT TROPHY RATED HANDICAP (\$11.376. 61) (16 runners)

Long bandicay Chatte Silet 8-0 Comp amenicas, Colonia Sana 6-1. Berlinkt: 6-1 Double Splendon, 7-1 Yerisi Georga, 8-1 Cycnin's Lad, Turnblewad Ridge, World Prenier, 10-1 Bellin Assaw. Dashing Shue, Samear, 12-1 King Of Pent, 14-1 Charlie Sillet, Heb, Relates, 16-7 others. 1998: JAYANNIPEE 5-8-8 Marian Dayer (11-2) | Balding 9 ran FORM FOCUS

CYRANO'S LAD beat how Long 194 in handicap at Newcaptor (61, 2000) with 1696 OF PEPU (610 before of) 51 160, CRETAN ESFT (460 before of) 51 160, CRETAN ESFT (460 before of) 51 160, CRETAN ESFT (460 before of) 52 130 and CHARLE SELECTIC (250 worse of) 61 224 of 110. SAMWAR (510 before of) 23 130 and CHARLE SELECTIC (250 worse of) 61 224 or 125 or 125

4.10 EBF AER LINGUS LEEDS BRADFORD AMPORT NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £5,848: 5f) (5 rumpers)

BETTWIC: 7-4 Balance Tile Books, 2-1 Easten Lyric, 9-2 todan Sheer, 13-2 Child Product, 10-1 Filey Brigg. 1990. NO CORRESPONDING PAGE

FORM FOCUS EASTERM LYRIC basi Fast Lengen Hi in majour at Warneck (St. hom). PEET BRIGG heal Risto Whistly by Ballad Rock to Black Bit. Ion St wisses; dann for 2H1 and store at Hamilton St. point. BRLANCE THE BOOKS (locate Mar. 10, cost 44,000psd.). Fall-eister by Elemanust to 7 H-unite wisses kindyll. Selection: FILEY BRIGG.

4.40 NEWTON INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £7,560; 1m 51 194yd) (5 numbers)

d, 5-2 Zhunet, 7-2 Wender Grand, 1996; ATYESHEY S-11 H Clay (2-1) J Poince 5 ton

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CritPSTOW: Trainers: D. Nicholson, 16 virtuers from 57 numers, 28.1%; M. Pps. 55 from 218, 25.7%; P. Nichols, 15 from 69, 21.7%; J. Old, S. Nierr 97, 21.6%; R. Rowe, 7 from 34, 20.6%; D. Burchell, S. Sonn 29, 17.2%; J. Ord, 4 from 27, 14.8%; Jerchalys: A. P. McCoy, 25 witners from 90 distance 27,95%; D. O'Sullvers, 5 from 21, 22.6%; G. Tormey, 5 from 24, 20.8%; S. Burcough; 3 from 68, 18.8%; D. Burchell, 5 from 27, 18.5%; M. A. Fizgurald, 13 from 78, 16.7%; W. Marston, 10 from 63, 15.9%.





ON TELEVISION

start," Simon Crisford, the Godolphin racing manager, said yesterday. Shamikh and Moonlight Paradise finished nearer last than first in the 2.000 and 1.000 Guineas at Newmarket, and Nightbird and Bahamian Bounty fared no better in the French equiva-

horses are below form."

Godolphin's best hunting grounds - seven winners and three placed efforts from just 14 runners — and there will be no excuses if that record is not enhanced this week. Horses with proven form who have been pleasing at home, such as Classic Cliche, who at-

Gallops attract scrutiny

By JULIAN MUSCAT

on his seasonal debut and

that gallop afforded the only realistic opportunity for an

advance sighting of the coll.

Had Entrepreneur's pres-

ence been publicised, he would have attracted a size-

able gathering to witness his

work - which was unusually

sanctioned on the morning of

a big race. However, the

executive at Sandown, which

operates under the RHT ban-

ner, maintained it was un-

galloping permission was sought by Stoute. The trainer

did not identify the horses

aware that Entrepreneur was

eas was closely guarded by among two horses for which

Sandown Park seven days concerned; nor was he asked

before the race. He went on to by the executive, which was

land the Newmarket classic preoccupied with arrange-

ning on Thursday, should give a true guide as to whether all is well. "If they don't perform up to expectations we will start to ask some serious

The first test for Godolphin will come today in the Tattersalls Musidora Stakes when Entice runs for the first

ments for the Whitbread Gold

director of RHT. said of the

measures: "They should avoid

a repeat of the Entrepreneur

situation, which we felt was

unfortunate. Within the

group, we have also endorsed

the position that racecourse

gailops are to remain the ex-

ception rather than the rule.

and should normally take

place after racing, not before."

Stoute's motive in prepa

ing Entrepreneur away from

the media's gaze had its roots

in the considerable hype sur-

rounding the horse. How-

ever, such secrecy does not

tally with racing's initiative to

project itself more favourably.

David Hillyard, managing

every run and beat Fahris on her final start at Pontefract.

today's step up in trip and the easy ground.

RACING AHEAD Robert Wright suggests the best value in

the ante-post market GROSVENOR CASINOS

DANTE STAKES York, tomorrow **GUIDE TO THE PRICES**

	Ladbrokes				
Benny The Dip	7-2				
Desert Story	4-1				
Apprehension	9-2				
Medaaly	5-1				
Yorkshire	5-1				
Musalsal	8-1				
	10.1				

tomorrow, nas auracide a small our sector text. There arries in the last 12 years, the winner of the Dante has gone on to win the Dasty, and this year's contest has every chance of throwing open worthy rival to Entrepreneur, who dominates the betting on the Epsom of the State o when beaten just group severagers by we carry it reports season's Flacing Post Expliny and is comparatively and Medach's a half-brother lighte useful Charpyration firest, looked as tristich he world beginn suited by further than mile as a justifielle and can provide the Godolphin teamer a welcome winner. MEDAALY has solid form, Frankistand on board, and is over-priced at 5-1 to put hims

Southwell

Going: standard

Francis (1984) CST 1984 Sept 12-11: 2. Chartes Lad (P. Bloomfeld, 7-4 feet, 3. Mineta (M. Ferson, 11-2), ALSO Rutt 5. Castrano, 11-2 shores Side Monley (6th, 8 Bernott, 6th), 12 Dispot Lass, Fearwhy, Fals, 16 feft Simes, 20-Lie Sentence, 33 Eloyarus (4th), Magazin, Magazin's Denoer 13 ran. Nr. 1-8, 6th, 1d, 37-8; P. Evens at Westpool for CT-30, 15-10, 21-20, CS 60 GF, C18 40 feet, 22-30, CS 13-38.

Windsor

8.00 (im 67yd) 1, Scathebury (D Holland, 9-2 lav); 2, Ludo (9-1); 3, Med Alex (23-1), 18 ran 17-1, 15-1 K Burlen, Tota, 54-00; 51-80, 65-50, 65-00 DF: \$73-50; Teo: \$180, 65-50, 65-00 DF: \$73-50; Teo:

17400 CST 12100 6.30 (1m 31 135yd) 1, Right Man (A Chale 9-1); 2, Krusno, (7-1 4-lan); 3, Dizzy Tay (33-1); 4, Sudest (7-1 1-lan); Alfohmado 7-1 f-lan, 20 ran 394, 81 G Lowis, Totar 58,80 2200, 62 10, \$10.10, 62 40, DF 531 20, CSF, FSO 42, Tricast \$1,854,18.

THE Grosvenor Casinos Dante Stakes, run at York tomorrow, has attracted a small but select field. Three times in the last 12 years, the winner of the Dante has gone on to

POINT-TO-POINT DETAILS

Julian Pritchard's treble at the Cotswold Vale meeting on

Sunday took him back to the head of the men's championship

[Carl Evans writes]. Cruise A Hoop, Viridian and Fort Gale put him on 31, two clear of Tim Mitchell. Polly Curling rode her first

winner since ending her association with Richard Barber on Shrewd Thought for Pauline Geering at the South Devon.

COTSMOLD VALE FARMERS Massembre Park Hunt 1, Gien Osi, ID Dugger, 1-6 tay 2 Junction Traintivino 3, Dennig Titley 5 on Confined 1, Course A Horp Hulan Prichard, 1-2 tay 2, Fredom Dancer, 3 Landsey Affect 8 on Ladies 1, Split Section Mean Above, 1-4 tay, 2, Familian Flect 3 West hung 5 on Ment's Open 1, Variant Music Prichard 1-12 tay 2, Champagne Rur 2 for PPORIA 1 Does for King 2 miched 5 can Open Mont 1. Processing Juncted 5 can Open Mont 1. Pr

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£3.00, £1.90 DF. £218.00. Trio: £445.00 (part won. Pool of £258.98 carried forward to 3.40 at 70% 3.40 at 0xday). CSF: £425.59 Tricast £5.382.20. Redcar

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Going: good, good to firm in places
2.15 (Sh.1. ONE SINGER (J. Wesner, 7-2); 2.

Rustly Bable (J. Forthure, 6-4 (any); 3. Miss
Puci (K. Deriey, 11-2) ALSO RAN, 6.

Serchtson Tartan, 8 (king Of Dance (48t), 14.

Ngaete Princess, 30 Imperial Honey (88t), 25.

Leather And Scrim (8th), 33 Aspirita, 9 (any 2.2.1.4, 2.4. 19), 25-1 Jul. Johnston at Mcdettam Tolly (25:0), (1.90, 21.10, 11.0), 12.

Ch.70 DF 2190 Time D4 80 CSF (28:6), 2.

2.55 (61:1, RIVER TERN (J. Weaver, 6-1), 2.

Palo Bisanco (J. Fortino, 10-11 (an); 3.

Sportlad Eagler (J. Carrol, 20-1), ALSO RAN, 7.

Drubbic Oscar, Keen To Please 8.

Standown (50), 70 H Mujtalnet, Napoleon's Petur, 25 Nor A Lot (6th), 33 Born A Lody (7th), 50 Ascumment, Forecast, Monthey Face Oriel (ad, Respecto, 15 from Vil, 21-4, 3, 15 dept.) at 17 Bradity at Oriensian Tota's 95.5; 22 (9, c) 22 (200 DF 66.30 Time \$5.19).

3.15 (tim. 1, CROLE (Kim Terker, 50-1); 2

CSF 1992
3.15 (m) 1, CRROLE (km Torkier, 50-1); 2
Mezzoramo (Jo Humam, 9-1), 3, Jack
Flush (Care Vect, 12-1), 4, Murphy's Gold
Vain Greaves, 6-1), ALSO RAN 9-2, by
Sagnest, 13-2 Cest-lay-4y, 8 Fiscaster, 9
Scorish Verdici (6th), 10 Actentic East, 12
Manang, 15th), Return To Brighton, 16
Action, 35 Champagne N Drosans, 33 Our
Tom, 50 Bod Nevs, Rince Mayor, Take
Norice, 17 ran, 1 vi. 1, rk, ki, hd, Elincias at
Michigham, Tote, 109,76, 95 60, 52 20.

Going: standard
2.00 (71) 1. DESERTI INVADER (P Fessey, 2-1): 2. Bold Artsocrat (F. Lynch, 5-1): 3. Young Armabel (G Fauliner, 5-4 tay), ALSO RAN: 14 Commin Up (4th), 16 Appeal Agen, 20 Agusto (p), 25 Curner & Special (5th), 33 Samcolom (5th), Sylvaria Lights, 9 ran Hel S, KJ, 354, 103 D. Chapman at York. Tote. £4.20; £1.00, £1.80, £1.80 DF: £4.80. Ino. £1.60, CSP. £11.57.
2.30 (1m 68) 1. KALAMAYA (N Day, 9-11: 2. High Hive (G Barchell, 7-2) Fay; 3. Sasifact, 0D Holord, 12-17; 4. Haush La Wells, 53 Parfur, 7-2 Ray). ALSD RAN. 11-2 Taphera, 13-2 Cohlab, 8 Cambis Marc (591), Phany Donois, 10-Lump The Lights, 14 Precedency, 16 Svendale Hyer, 20 El Nido, Such Bor, Top R in, 25 Another Clarrier (5th), 50 Gloverig Marsile 16 ran. 12, hd, 6t, 5t, 121, J Glover at Workson, Tote, £17-50; £3.30, £2.20. £2.30, £1.10. DF: \$22.50. Tho: \$25.50 EF 44.31. Timest: £39.344.
3.00 (77) 1, JIGSAW BOY (D Heritson, Tricast: \$5,382.20.

3.45 (1m; 2); JACK THE LAD (J Weaver, 9-1); 2, Roja Reprimand (Paul Eddery, 5-1); 3, Epic Stand (J Forture, 5-4 fav) ALSO RAN: 7 Barresbo, 10 Domand Eyre (50), Potanze, Oueson City, Scarnois (4th), 16 Grovefar Lad, Marsh Mariottid, 20 Monant's Purzul (50), 33 Men Of Wickerthy, My Sollandio 13 ran, 134, 11, 41, 134, rk, J Hochedon at Mallon Tote 120 10; 53 Hz, 52-20, 51 10 DF: 124 50 Tino £16 60, CSF 527 50 Tinose; 1592.20

VESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

CS7 50. Tricsal: 192.20
A.15 (Im 2) 1. BAMBURY (J. Carroll, 6-1). 2. Murraris (R Hus., 7-2). 3. Taunt (Pet Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN 9-4 Iau Mengaati (4th), 9-2 Dellaratio (Sh), 12 Speedboot (Bh), 9-2 Chylyoh, San (Bamore Melody, 33 Briggs Turn, Northern Materials of Avan, 100 Absolute Chorte, 12 ran 3, 3, 2-1, 5-10, J. Watts at Richmond Tore (27 8), C230, C130, C1 50. DF E14 30 Trio (27 9), CSF E26 73 CI So. OF E14:30 Trio E21:50 CSF E26:73
4:45 (78) I. GYMCRAKFRUYER (K Fatton, 15-8
1-84) 2. La Dolce Vita (J Fortune, 9-11:3,
Zelda Zorik (Pat Endery, 11-2) ALSO RAM5 Our Way, 6 Troding Aces (44h), 7 College
Night (5th), 11 Don't Cine, 12 Pinde Of
Peride, 20 Magor Listo (8th), Seato, 10 ran,
3J. rik, rik, 330, 6, G Hollmes of Pelseming
Tote S3 10:57, 70, E2:40, E2:30, DF-E12:50
Timo E21:90 CSF E21:05 Télesat 179:53.
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HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £3,435: 3m) (7)

mas a mans (4) — 6-4 Eustimores, 5-2 Comer Boy, 4-1 Combelland Blanc, 8-1 blaster Gebb. 18-1 Sans Hendage 20-1 Economic Traveller, 33-1 False Economy

(£1,996: 2m 110vd) (12)

3-1 Red for 5-1 (Io Se Ware, 7-1 Mesado, Honeybed Wood, 8-1 Ponder Monkey, Codan Caper, 14-1 Genry, Spirit Level, Breed, 20-1 others,

4.25 HUE AND CRY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,488 2m 3! 110yd) (6)

5-4 Seek Too Faith, 9-4 Red Branch, 11-2 Jackes The First, 8-1 The Carrol Main, 14-1 Maggirth Green, 20-1 Boon Managesia.

4.55 END OF SEASON INTERMEDIATE OPEN MATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,298: 2m 110yd) (9)

5-4 Report Black, 9-4 The Village Way 13-2 Just Bayard, 12-1 Inch Most, 16-1 Anothersandor Almebraic, 25-1 Octobs Chaptel, 35-1 others BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chapstow: 150 Minnson, 355 Red Tol York 2.06 Romand Sun.

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Robson pays heavy price for flaws in foreign policy

relegation for Bryan Robson on Sunday. The Middlesbrough manager shook the hands of the Leeds United players who had finally consigned his team to the Nation-wide League and then strode onto the pinch to comfort his players like a general tending to the dying and wounded

after a great battle.
In the sunshine at Elland Road lay the ruins of Robson's grand plan to establish Teesside as an unlikely outpost for the extravagant skills of a band of footballing millionaires. As the season had worn on and the alarm bells kept ringing, his failure had become every bit as compelling as the race for the FA Carling Premiership itself.

Manchester United were always the favourites and they duly sprayed the champagne at Old Trafford, having won at a canter after Liverpool's flawed challenge disintegrated in the final weeks of the campaign, helped by a spate of errors from the unfortunate David James.

Leicester City and their hyperactive manager, Martin O Neill, one of the managers of the year, provided the best of the light relief, winning the Coca-Cola Cup and finishing a highly creditable ninth in the Premiership. Arsenal finally and conclusively shed their "boring" tag under the en-lightened stewardship of Arsene Wenger and did enough to suggest that they will be serious contenders

next season. In the end, though, it was Newcastle United who leapt into the second Champions' League position with the final flourish of a 50 win over Nottingham Forest at St James' Park. A more solid, better organised outlit since Kevin Keegan became the season's most notable individual casualty and Kenny Dalglish took over as manager, their late-season form has been the equivalent of a declaration of championship intent. For casualties, though, Middiesbrough take the prize.

Theirs was the failure of one of the advance guards of the famed "foreign legion", the failure of a policy of buying big and trying to blend super-stars with journeymen, hoping that their sublime skills would trickle down and inspire some of the average players around them.

Emerson, the superbly gift-ed Brazilian midfield player whom Robson bought from FC Porto, seemed to start the rot with his series of unauth-orised flits back to Rio to comfort his girlfriend, who was apparently traumatised by Middlesbrough's winter climate. His painfully transparent efforts to force Robson

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into granting him a transfer put the manager in an invidious position and affected team morale. When Fabrizio Ravanelli began criticising the club's training facilities in Italian newspapers, matters got worse.

Juninho was the one shinmg light in the darkness, a pocket dynamo of Brazilian midfield brilliance and unswerving devotion to the club. His devastation on Sunday, as he sat on the pitch choking back tears, was the most poignant image of the season. The behaviour of Emerson was, perhaps, beyond Rob-son's control, something for

which he could not legislate.



Robson: let down

HEEHAN on BRIDGE

His real failure lay in the fact that he neelected to secure high-quality players to perform capable cameos in the same way that Dalglish had men such as Wilcox, Ripley and Hendry to complement Shearer, Flowers and Batty in Blackburn Rovers' championship-winning side.

Some, perhaps, will be tempted to glory in Middlesbrough's fall, especially if they persist — as began to look increasingly likely yesterday — with what seems sure to be a pointless court action to try to recover the three points that the FA Premier League docked them for failing to fulfil their fixture against Blackburn in December.

If they were successful. Coventry City would be relegated instead, but then Coventry would launch their own action, Uefa, the European governing body, would penalise Middlesbrough, and the whole thing would degenerate into an unholy mess. Better that they should accept their punishment with the grace that Robson accepted rele-

The irony, of course, is that while Middlesbrough and their fans became convinced, without any foundation, that everyone in England wanted to see them fail, most will feel that the Premiership and English football will be the poorer without them. Juninho may find a home elsewhere, possibly at Manchester United, and there is bound to be no shortage of English suitors for Ravanelli and for Gianluca Festa, if not for the wayward Emerson, who will surely head for warmer climes.

The players, then, may stay in England, but that is not the point. Their recruitment gave everyone hope that a team once so unfashionable and downtrodden as Middlesbrough might be able to gatecrash the increasingly exclusive Premiership party and strike a blow for diversity in the rush for honours.

That dream, along with Middlesbrough's, died at Elland Road on Sunday. ...



As Chelsea's fitness trainer, Mafe is responsible for ensuring that the likes of Gianluca Vialli are in perfect shape. Photograph: Tony O'Brien

Mafe trains his eye on the twin towers

canteen at the Chelsea A training ground in Harlington, beneath the Heathrow flight path he once regularly travelled to lands afar. Excited schoolboys, who might once have sought his autograph, lie in wait for greater prizes — Zola, Vialli, Hughes et al. BBC television, which once highlighted his explosive talents, negotiates with others. Mafe slips by,

It is 13 years since he became the youngest British male athlete, at 17, to reach an Olympic final, when he finished eighth behind Carl Lewis in the 200 metres in Los Angeles. It is seven years since he won a Commonwealth Games bronze medal in the 200 metres final in Auckland, completing an England clean sweep with Marcus Adam and Ĵohn Regis.

It is also six years since he beloed the British 4 x 400 metres relay squad to gold in the 1991 world championships in Tokyo, alongside Mark Richardson, Kris Akabusi, Roger Black, Derek Redmond and Regis; and it is four years since a broken toe, which went undiagnosed for a season, forced him to drift from the public consciousness

Russell Kempson on the former sprinter who hopes to have the Chelsea players in peak condition at Wembley on Saturday

and seek alternative employ-

Mafe. 30. maintains an anonymous profile in Harlington, among the instantly recognisable bald heads, shaven skulls and dreadlocks. Yet he plays a key role in the Ruud Gullit roadshow and will sit on the bench at Wembley on Saturday, when Chelsea play Middlesbrough in the FA Cup Final.

Ten months ago, via mutual friend, Mafe got the call from Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager. Gullit wanted a fitness trainer, in the mode of many continental clubs, and persuaded Mafe to relinquish the 30-strong client base he had built up since removing his spikes. He is also a qualified masseur and helps to rejuvenate the aching limbs of Starnford Bridge's

"I'd only ever seen one football match before I joined Chelsea," Mafe said. "but after 15 years in athletics, 1 found there were many things I could adapt to a football environment. The players are in pretty good shape here. although the foreign lads perhaps have a better mentality towards fitness condition-ing than the British ones.

The foreigners know that conditioning is as important as technical ability. Telling them to do something is not a



problem. The British tend to think that if they can play football, they're OK. To get them to run is something you have to educate them about." Mafe orchestrates the pretraining and pre-match warm-



Mafe ended his running career after breaking a toe

ups, supervises players returning from injury and watches, hawk-like, during matches, "If I see someone's flagging, I make a note and maybe give him a bit extra to do the following week," he said. I might say to Ruud: 'He's had it. he's knackered.' but it's up to him whether he keeps the player on or takes

Gullit, as he recovers from ankle surgery, has not escaped the treatment. "I have to push him, I can't be too soft on him." Mafe said. "He tries to shirk it sometimes, and he moans a bit, but he knows it's for his own benefit. He might be my boss but he's still a player and I tell him to get on

Few dictate to Gullit and survive. Yet Mafe's manner is born of confidence, a calm inner belief, not arrogance. He talks freely, swiftly and pauses only to recall the many memories of an athletics career that, frustratingly, rarely matched its initial teenage Four years after his Olym

pic debut, he returned to Los Angeles in an effort to salvage his sanity. "Maybe I grew up a bit too quickly," he said. Everything was going wrong, it was all collapsing around me. I needed to get away, I had to find myself

reinvigorated, and changed coaches. Bronze in Auckland was tempered by subsequent Achilles problems pushing him into a premature switch from 200 to 400 metres, and although relative success followed, he opted for retirement after surgery on his broken

"I was told I could have kept on running but I felt it was the time to get out," he said. "Maybe it was a message, maybe it all happened for a reason. I believe that your destiny lies in your own hands, you have to make the best of it when the chance comes along. I wish I'd made my decision earlier but you're always chasing that dream. aren'i you?"

afe is content. He has a two-year con-L tract to carry on conditioning the Chelsea thoroughbreds, while his parents. Comfort and Ade Sr, have become enthusiastic followers of the club. "They've both got their scarves for Wembley. he said. Ola, his sister, will be there, too, plus a few He has no regrets, either.

"I've been all over the world and been in all the major stadiums," he said, "now I'm going to all the major football grounds. I usually watch the FA Cup Final at home on television - you know, the bit when the cameras are on the team bus. I'm now going to be on that bus."

RUGBY LEAGUE: MARTYN AND McDERMOTT DRAFTED IN FOR INTERNATIONAL

Ancestry an asset as Ireland tackle France

By Christopher Irvine

WITH insufficient sons of the sod to make up a truly competitive Ireland team, enough Irish ancestry has been discovered to promise France a decent workout in the first international match between the countries at Evry, near Paris, tonight. Tommy Martyn, the St Helens stand-off half, and Barrie McDermott, of Leeds. who will partner Cliff Eccles, of Salford. in the front row, are new to the cause. Although Terry O'Connor, the Wigan prop, was forced to withdraw with an

ankle injury, nearly half of the Ireland side has a Super League background. Apart from a small contingent of England-based personnel and four players from the Paris Saint-Germain club. most members of the France team, drawn from their domestic competition, have not played competitively since the end of March. Although considerably more experienced as a team at international

level, France are unlikely to find Ireland in accommodating mood. The success of the fixture, and another between Scotland and France in Glasgow. in July, could lead to the development of a five nations' competition. A Super League club based in Dublin is still a possibility. and a Cardiff academy side represents a

new start for the sport in Wales. Andy Hay has become the fourth player recruited by Leeds from Sheffield Eagles since the arrival from Sheffield last year of Gary Hetherington as chief executive. Hay. 23, follows Ryan Sheri-dan. Dean Lawford, and Anthony Farrell. Richie Eyres, the former Great Britain forward, has made the reverse move to Sheffield, initially on loan.

had clearly saved enough to pay. Thus they were impaled on Morton's Fork. In bridge, the expression has come to be used to describe a particular type of defensive dilemma. Dealer South Game all **4AQ53**

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

East on this hand was submitted to a coup known as "Morton's

Fork". Those of you who have heard the story 18 times had better

skip to the diagram. Cardinal Morton was Henry VII's

Chancellor of the Exchequer. He insisted that all merchants

could afford extra taxes: those who appeared prosperous

certainly had plenty of money, and those who lived a frugal life

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Contract: Four Hearts by South, Lead: ace of diamonds

After an artificial sequence in which North had opened One Club showing a strong hand, South became the declarer in Four Hearts. After leading the ace of diamonds. West switched to the seven of spades. Declarer (John Probst) played low from dummy, East won with the jack and returned his remaining

diamond. Declarer has one trick in spades, five in hearts, two in diamonds and one in clubs. It looks from West's switch to the seven of spades that East has both the king and jack of spades. So how is declarer to avoid losing two spade tricks as well as the minor-suit aces? If declarer can gauge which defender has the ace of clubs. he can lead a low club through

him. If the defender rises with

the ace, declarer has an extra-

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a. The Promised Land

c. The Day of Atonement

b. Father of Samson

a. A born again sewer

b. Sister of Lazarus

WORD-WATGERING

trick in clubs, and can throw both dummy's spades on third round minor-suit winners. And if the defender ducks, declarer can win the club and later throw dummy's remaining club on the jack of diamonds; he finally concedes a trick to the king of spades. The defender's no-win situation is

known as Morton's Fork. Here, it is correct to start the hearts by laying down the king, in case East started with 11032. When all followed, Probst had to guess who had Probst had to guess who had the ace of clubs. He showed good table presence by leading a club from dummy before drawing the remaining trumps. That left East with no winning play.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday in Friday in

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



White: Deep Blue

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14 Bg3

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18 Rxe7

Black: Garry Kasparov

Caro-Kann Defence

Nd7

Ngf6 e6

Oe7 fxe6 Kd8 b5

Nd5 Kc8

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Black resigns

New York, May 1997

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Black day

in the sixth and final game of his match against IBM's Deep Blue computer, human world champion Garry Kasparov. defending with Black, stumbled into a known variation which grandmaster experience has shown for many years gives White a virtually overwhelming attack for the

sacrifice of a piece. At fault was Kasparov's seventh move 7 ... h6, long condemned by theory, which virtually forces White to make an advantageous sacrifice. In the final position, although Black has a nominal material advantage, White's attack rages unabated. Apart from losing to the computer, this is almost certainly the shortest game Kasparov has ever lost under serious murnament

conditions. Having won this match, the question must arise whether Deep Blue should start to emer grandmaster tournaments and face other leading exponents of the game, such as Karpov, Kramnik and Anand or, indeed, whether Deep Blue (or rather its IBM minders) should issue a serious challenge for a full-blown world championship match.

It would be unfortunate if IBM were simply to declare victory over the human brain and withdraw its computer from further international competition. Here are the moves of that historic win.

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Diagram of final position

nia in the sixth round of the European team championship in Pula, Croatia, the England team leads Hungary and Russia with the score of 16/24. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on

section on Saturday. Final score 3

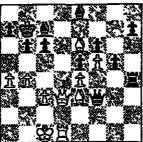
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Deep Blue WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Jakobsen Von Hennig, Goteborg 1920. There does not appear to be any immediate danger facing Black but the offside position of his queen and rook give White the chance for a tactical finish. How did he continue? Solution on page 49



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Answers on page 49 c. Mother of Paul

By Philip Howard

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Snape spin enlivens a thin day in the sun

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

NORTHAMPTON (Leicestershire won toss): Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Leicestershire by 52 runs

THE preliminary skirmishes in the Benson and Hedges Cup have produced some awful games in their time, but few can ever have been so dismal as this. The batting was poor, much of the bowling was lamentable, and the fielding was indifferent. There was not a single memory any spectator could take away from the day's play. It was abysmal

Northamptonshire, by virtue of their victory, go through to the quarter-final stage. Leicestershire were there already, having won their first three group matches. Now the competition can begin in earnest. It doesn't half waste time at the start of the season, when teams should be playing proper cricket.

The gold award went to an off spinner. Jeremy Snape. who took five Leicestershire wickets as they fell apart. Maddy had given them a good start and even when Habib was the third man out at 127. caught by Emburey at long-off, there were still 18 overs in which to make 112. But they were not up to it, and Snape gutted the middle order to enjoy a rare day in the sun.

Emburey played his part. He made ground to hold his catch and he bowled his off spin tidily, conceding as few runs -- 32 -- as Snape from his ten overs. He took only wicket, but it was a good one. that of Maddy, whose timing and placement were secure until he clipped a catch to Bailey at short mid-wicket.

Neil Johnson, the South African all-rounder chosen to be Leicestershire's overseas player this year, was the only man to pass fifty, and he did manner of his dismissal, caught at mid-wicket as he tried to wallop a full toss into a neighbouring parish, caught the mood of the day.

early on, as Mulially and Millns launched the North-

That mood was established

amptonshire innings with a succession of wides. There were 17 in the innings, 26 in the match, and some of them were very wide indeed. Johnson, bowling his unexceptional medium pace, actually landed one ball on an adjacent strip. Is it asking too much for professionals to pitch it on the

Capel, who swatted Johnson for one well-timed six into the cars at mid-wicket, gave Leicestershire a swift enough start with Loye, Johnson broke the stand when Capel cut to backward point, and Loye fell three runs short of a halfcentury when he was thinking about adding a few more. Curran failed and Bailey never got going. Penberthy's 38 proved valuable and Walton finished on 35 not out as Northamptonshire eventually reached 238 for eight.

sailing in the early stages of the reply. Maddy should have gone on 32 when Ripley, moving across Emburey at slip, put the fielder off, but the opener was playing freely enough to encourage James Whitaker, the Leicestershire captain, who was nursing a finger he injured during the Northamptonshire innings, to think he may not be required to make a decisive contribu-

It appeared to be fairly plain

When Habib drove Snape to long-off the match was in the balance and shortly afterwards, when Smith gave Snape a return catch off the toe end of the bat, it shifted towards Northamptonshire. Snape was cock-a-hoop when Nixon provided another return catch and, with successive balls in the following over, Whitaker drove to Curran at long-off and Johnson perished to a slog.

The game was up for Leicestershire, who were content to pat out the remaining overs in the knowledge that the result was of no significance to the group table. They can play better cricket than this. Indeed, to make further progress, they will have to. Surely. there cannot be many days as



Cowdrey drives through the covers during his innings of 77 for Kent against Gloucestershire at Bristol yesterday

Cowdrey prompts Kent recovery

By DEREK HODGSON Llong to partner Graham Cowdrey in a stand of gradu-

ally increasing momentum,

the next 21 overs bringing 100

runs as Mark Alleyne tried

unsuccessfully to widen the

breach. Richard Davis, the

former Kent left-arm spinner, might have had Wells stumped off his first ball.

which flew off Russell's pads.

Ball, the off spinner, suffered

most from Cowdrey, who

lifted and pulled him for two

Llong was the first to go,

run out going for a third by

Cunliffe's long throw. He was

one short of a half-century, his

best shot having been a skim-ming cover drive off Han-

cock. Cowdrey's belligerence

was brought to an end by a

stumping. His 77 off 106 balls

was his best score in this

Kent's strength was demon-

strated by the addition of 80

off the last ten overs as Strang

and Marsh, his captain, wel-

comed the return of the

The target of 240 against

their bowling will not be easily reached on what will

probably be a wet outfield. Gloucestershire had four

overs, in which Monte Lynch

laid about the bowling,

hitting three boundaries.

competition.

BRISTOL (Kent won toss): Gloucestershire, with all wickets in hand, need a further 215 runs from 46 overs to beat Kent

KENT'S advance on the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup was interrupted by another wave of the rain cycle. Play was delayed for two hours and then halted soon after 5pm by another downpour.

Paul Strang and Shaun Young, these sides' respective new overseas professionals, will be mystified by talk of drought and water rationing. Strang demonstrated what

a neat and nimble batsman he can be by contributing 38 off 33 balls, his innings emphasising the strength of the Kent tail. They are already in the last eight but need to win here to ensure a tie at Canterbury. Their resilience was appar

ent in a recovery, on a pitch of little pace, from six for two in the fourth over. Ward was bowled driving and Fleming. for whom the term pinchhitter might have been creat-ed, top-edged to mid-off. When Wells fell to a fine slip catch. Kent were 39 for three with (3 overs gone. That brought in Nigel

McGrath's century gives home comfort

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (2pts) bt

THIS win over Minor Counties yesterday was no great achievement by Yorkshire, for whom Anthony McGrath's unbeaten 109 from 85 balls was his best score in the Benson and Hedges Cup, but it guaranteed them a home draw in the quarter-final.

Minor Counties by 184 runs

David Byas, the captain, made 72 from 81 balls and Yorkshire's score would have been even weightier but for the efforts of Simon Oakes, 22, a sales promotion manager and medium-fast bowler from Grantham. Oakes, who has attracted

Nottinghamshire's interest, had figures of three for 23 when Yorkshire were guivering, if not wobbling, at 128 for three. Without his contribution, the Minor Counties have been on the wrong end of a total of over 350.

Byas and Darren Lehmann, the Australian, who is already a firm favourite with the spectators, added 58 in ten overs for the second wicket, a partnership that laid the ground for McGrath's dominance, which was so complete that Richard Blakey contributed only 18 of the first 100 runs

they added in a sixth-wicket partnership worth 112 Steve Dean, profiting as the bowlers fed his leg-side

strengths, launched the Minor Counties innings in some style and Darren Gough conceded 25 runs from six overs in which he rarely looked likely to take a wicket. Dean, of Staffordshire, had

fours in his 56, made from 52 balls, but when Craig White bowled Wayne Larkins, Dean and Ian Cockbain at a cost of seven runs in the space of nine balls, it was start of a complete collapse. Minor Counties, 63 without loss in 12 overs, lost all ten wickets adding another 62. Nick Gaywood, last out, played staunchly to score 30 from 55 balls.

Richard Dalton, of Bedfordshire, the gold award winner at Worcester, where he scored 69 and took three for 33, had a distinctly less profitable day. He conceded 80 from ten overs and was out first ball, caught at slip.

Three Yorkshire bowlers were on a hat-trick - White. Richard Stemp and Peter Hartley - but none could achieve it. Although this will be Yorkshire's eleventh quarter-final appearance, they have only once gone on to win

Benson & Hedges Cup Lancashire V Worcestershire OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss Scores had Lancashire (2pts) best Worces tershire by losing lewer wicklits LANCASHIRE JER Gellien the brillick M A Atherion c Weston b Newport JP Crawley c Moody b Leatherdiste N H Fairbrother not out G D Lloyd b Sherker TD Austin fun Gut Total (6 wids, 50 overs) P J Mertin, G Yeles and R J Green did not WORCESTERSHIRE

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Yorkshire v Minor Counties.

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A McGratin not out.
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TR J Blekey not out.
Extras (b 1, ib 8, w 17, nb 6) B Parket, D Gough, C E W Silvenwood and R D Sterno did not bat: FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-128, 3-128, 4 138, 5-197. BOWLING: Murphy 10-0-60-0; Sharp 10-0-53-1; Dation 10-0-80-0; Oakes 10-1-37-3; Laudat 10-0-70-1.

Total (33.8 overs) 125 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-77, 3-77, 4-105, 5-105, 6-123, 7-123, 8-124, 9-125. 30W IN3: Gough 6-0-25-0; Silverwood 0-26-1; White 7-1-22-3; Hariley 6-0-38 Stemp 9-3-22-3; Veughan 0-3-0-0-1. Gold award: A McGrath: Impires: M.J. Kitchen and A.A.Jones Northamptonshire v

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Umpres: J.C. Balderstone and D. F. British Universities v Hampshire

Gold award: J N Shape

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M J Childron c Aymes b Stephenson
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Edward (b 15, w 8) P.S. Jones and S.A.J. Boswell did not bet. FS JONES BYO S AJ BOSNES (dd Act bgt. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-174, 3-191, 4-244, 5-257, 6-266, 7-272, 8-294, BOWLING, Renshaw 9-0-54-2, Maru 10-1-3-0-0, Uddi 8-0-55-1, Whitehar 1-0-15-0, Hayden 9-0-45-2.

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bet FALL OF WICKETS: 1.95; 2-183, 3-224. BOMLING: Boswell 9:3-0-47-0; Edward 10:0-58-0; Jones 10:1-51-2; Chilton 9-0-8; 1; Rechlid 10:0-62-0 Gold award: M. L. Haydish. Umples: J H Hampster and J W Holds Gloucestershire v Kent BRESTOL (Kent won toss): Gloucestershi with all wickers in hand, need 215 runs

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A P Wass c Lynch b Alleyne .
G R Cowdrey ti Russeti b Davis
N J Llong run out .
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Umpres: 8 Dudleston and G Sharp Surrey v Sussex

THE CVAL (Sussex won toss): Surrey (2) best Sussex by 11 runs SURREY

A D Brown c Taylor of Thursfield †A J Stewart of Philips to Thursfield G P Thorpe of Thursfield b Great M A Butcher of Moores to Jarvis *A J Hollicete Ibw to Jarvis Total (8 wids, 50 overs) J E Benjamin did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-101, 2-13 280, 5-287, 6-270, 7-273, 8-300 BOWLING: Jarvis 10-1-80-4; Khan 10-0-70 1; Robinson 9-0-54-0, Transisid 8-0-49-2 Phillips 10-0-46-0; Graenfield 3-0-17-1

McGrath: scored 109 not out for Yorkshire

20ras (to 10, w 3, no 8) Total (48.5 civers) 289
FAL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-151, 3-206, 4-269, 5-275, 8-277, 7-277, 8-279, 9-283. BOM/LING: Bicknell 10-0-59-0; Benjamin 10-0-80-); B C Hollicake 4.5-0-43-0; A J Hollicake 6-0-32-0; Salisbury 10-0-53-4; Ragdiffe 8-0-42-2.

Middlesex v Somerset LORD'S (Middleser won toss) Somerse have scored 172 for four wickets agains Middleser

th J Thamer, K A Parsons, J I D Karr, S Herzberg and A R Caddick to bal. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-17, 3-125, 4-145. BOWLING: Hewit 8-1-37-2: Fay 7-0-27-0: Frame: 10-1-23-1; Johnson 10-0-50-0; Kalls 3-0-22-1

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TH C Hardock c Hayden b Renehale

R J Centille not our

Dates (w 7, nb 2) Total (5 wids, 16 overs) 139 N J Trainor, M C J Ball, A M Smith, K F FAUL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-17, 3-18, 4-115. BOMUNG: Renshew 4-0-25-1; Step 3-0-26-2; James 3-0-16-1; Mascere 0-36-0; Udal 3-0-36-1;

Atherton's hollow victory

BY PAT GIBSON

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Scores tied. Lancashire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by losing fewer THERE was one consolation

for Michael Atherton after he had taken his aggregate to a meagre 95 runs in seven innings for Lancashire this season - at least Tom Moody will not be playing for Australia when Atherton captains England in the Texaco Trophy one-day internationals next Moody, whose towering

presence in county cricket as the Worcestershire captain is a permanent reminder of the strength of Australia's batting. makes a habit of tormenting Lancashire. In the past three seasons he has scored 649 runs, including five centuries, against them at an average of 108, and yesterday he was at it

His 92 was not quite enough to give his side victory because Worcestershire had lost seven

shire's six when Newport was caught off the final ball with the scores level on 274. It was sufficient, however, to ensure that Lancashire will not progress beyond the qualifying rounds of the Benson and Hedges Cup for the first time

Lancashire, who have held the cup for the past two seasons, had to win by a massive margin to overhaul either Derbyshire or Warwickshire on run-rate and Atherion did not do a lot to help. He had made only six off 21 balls when he top-edged an attempted hook against Newport and was caught at wide mid-on. He looks completely out of sorts, but there is no point in worrying about it. He has been through this kind of thing before.

Crawley and Lloyd, the two other Lancastrians who should be in the England oneday side, did not look to be in the best of form either, and it

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ed with 59, including ten fours. off 55 balls.

The rest of the innings was pure Fairbrother. The little man was once considered to be the best one-day batsman in England and he showed that he has not lost the knack by scoring an unbeaten 75 off 100 balls. He had hit only one four before he launched Leatherdale for two sixes in the last

Moody could not have provided a greater contrast. He trades in boundaries and as long as he was there, hitting two sixes and 11 fours in his 92 off 83 balls. Worcestershire were winning the game.

Hick, showing signs of returning form, helped him to put on 131 in 17 overs before they were out in the space of three balls from Martin, Moody caught at long-on. Hick by the wicketkeeper. There was still no need for Worcestershire to panic until Atherton picked up a brilliant catch at point to dismiss Haynes, again off Marnn, but panic they did.

he sign on the high street warning of water-pipe repairs and possible delays could just as well have been stationed outside the cricket ground. It was all the government's fault, the groundsman said. Had they not insisted on a pipe being built underneath the ground to siphon off the rainwater

from the neighbouring hills. everything would have been dry as a bone. The pipe had overflowed from the torrential rain of the previous week, the going was distinctly heavy on the run-up at the eastern end and, though the pitch looked perfectly play-able, cover point would have needed galoshes. All it needed was Dickie Bird wading about, looking at the heavens

been complete. There was never much chance of freland taking on Essex in the Benson and Hedges Cup here yesterday. and a few critics of the choice of venue could have told you that a month ago. Downpatrick collects water like a barrel

and muttering to himself, and

a desolate scene would have

Essex spared Curry's clout Andrew Longmore, in damp Downpatrick,

meets Ireland's answer to Gilbert Jessop

and May is not usually its

driest month. So the Essex bowlers live to fight another day and the Londonderry legend has to wait a while to smite some more famous foes. Desmond - better known as Dekker -Curry, alias The Sheepstrangler, can empty pubs parts. A left-handed opener with forearms honed during his daily shifts in the abattoir. Curry once hit 230 in a 40-over game for his home club at

Donemmr. The ground had short boundaries he says modestly. but the people of Clonarth will tell you how little that matters. One six on their ground cleared the wall round their ground, the houses beyond that and was last seen heading for the town square. "I really

slapped that one," Curry recalled with a smile. It has always been his way, to give it a slap, as Angus Fraser will tell you through gritted teeth.

> diesex earlier this season. Curry set the tone of disrespect with 75 at just under a run a ball and won the man-of-thematch award. On the third ball of the game, he advanced down the wicket and deposited the old England warhorse back to the fence. Imagine the glower that

Fraser was the prime victim

of an assault in the historic

victory by Ireland over Mid-

indignity induced.
"When I first saw him, he reminded me a little of Viv Richards, the way he put his foot down the wicket and whipped everything through the leg side; now he plays straighter," Mike Hendrick, the Ireland coach, said. Had the advice come a little earlier in his life, Curry might now be playing county cricket.

He has not given up all hope of a game or two on Sundays. even at the age of 30. County publicans would be wise to lobby against it.

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was left to Gallian, playing with unfamiliar freedom, to wickets compared with Lancagive them the start they need-

THE OVAL (Sussex won toss): Surrey (2pts) beat Sussex by 11

ultimate mismatch. Surrey. fancied by many - including themselves - as kings of county cricket's one-day jungle, versus scrawny Sussex. surely among the easiest of prey. One team with almost boundless hopes for what the season will bring, the other

with no hope at all.

For half the day it looked as though the expected thrashing was duly being administered as Surrey headed for a stratospheric score. After one over from Jarvis and another from Khan, Sussex's plucky little leg spinner to whom Moores threw the new ball, the score was 22 for no wicket.

Brown scored 40 and Stew art 72 as together they thrashed 101 in 17 overs for the first wicket. Thorpe made 78 and Butcher 48, but how many should you score against nohopers on as flat a pitch as that at the Oval, where totals of 300 are not uncommon in the

Benson and Hedges Cup? Surrey looked at their perspiring opponents, who bow-led too many balls down the leg side, and were unsure. Losing their way in the last ten overs, they settled for a score

of 310 for eight. Sussex, of course, had no chance. But they had nothing to lose except another match and so went hell-for-leather for the runs. Rao, full of wristy pulls, and Greenfield ran like terriers and rode their luck to give them just the start they needed with 93 in 15 overs. The stand was only broken by a brilliant piece of fielding from Brown, who struck the stumps Greenfield was heading for

Taylor and Mark Newell then played the best innings of reputation in the champion- against Taylor, then on 58, off

THE PARKS (British Univer-

sities won toss): Hampshire

(2pts) beat British Universi-

ties by seven wickets



Butcher, the Surrey batsman, beaten by a ball from Phillips, manages to regain his ground before Moores whips off the bails

shin as a slow scorer, looking destined for a seventh century in this competition, a tally exceeded only by Gooch. He struck 67 from 66 balls and Newell 60 from 60, both driving cleanly and precisely

into the gaps. At 268 for three in the 45th over, Sussex were winning the game and Surrey were well and truly rattled. The tension got to them. When an appeal was turned down for a catch

the bowling of Ratcliffe - a late stand-in for Lewis, who had a sore neck and was badly missed - words were directed at the batsman and Stewart. keeping wicket for Surrey, and umpire Burgess stepped on each other's toes in their efforts to calm things down. When Ratcliffe dismissed Taylor two overs later, he sent him

like a few choice words. That Sussex lost in the end

on his way with what looked

beside the point. Victory would not have enabled them to qualify for the quarterfinals, or denied Surrey a place. They were playing for pride and, after their woeful showing at Lord's last week. when they mistakenly left out Newell, they well and truly rediscovered it. Their total of 299 was only four short of the highest by a team batting second in this competition and

to take runs off Salisbury, Khan's more illustrious predecessor, who left them during the winter, but he had the last laugh. He came back for a second spell in the heat of the battle, stuck to bowling over the wicket and at the stumps (unlike Khan), and for three overs staunched the flow of

Then, in his penultimate over, he bowled Newell, indulging in a mighty heave, and in his last bowled Athey

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

and Phillips and had Khan leg-before. In the space of six balls he had claimed four wickets and Sussex, on 279 for eight, looked finished. Even then, Jarvis refused to give up and lifted Ben Hollioake for six, four and four in the penultimate over.

With 12 required from eight balls, Robinson provided Brown with another run out, wandering aimlessly up the pitch. It was an inappropriately daft end to a noble effort.

on a rain-interrupted day.

Only 38 overs were possible.

Nick Knight, captain of

Sound start by Somerset

Strydom (SA), O Roumar (Fre), A Benazzi (Fr), W Ofahengaue (Aus), J Joseph (NZ), F Pienaar (SA)

Grewcock called up to tour with **England**

BY DAVID HANDS

RUGBY UNION

COVENTRY'S late bid for a first-division place may have failed but it has helped propel Danny Grewcock into the England touring party that leaves for Argentina on Sunday. Grewcock and the experienced David Baldwin, from Sale, were named yesterday as replacements for the injured Martin Bayfield and

The decision to take Grewcock, 2l. is a better option than the consideration given to the comparative vetcrans. Nigel Redman and Matt Poole. He represents the next generation and will benefit from the experience while Baldwin, 31, wins the place vacated by Fowler, his club colleague, as the result of his consistency throughout this and other seasons.

Since Garath Archer, of Newcastle, is the only capped lock in the party, one of Baldwin, Grewcock or Martin Haag, of Bath, has the prospect of an unexpected international debut.

Wasps. who contribute four players to the party, offer international experience of a different kind to their young reserves in the Sanyo Cup neeting with a World XV at Twickenham on May 24. The only guest player in the league champion's XV is Mike Hall, the Cardiff centre.

The world team, drawn from seven countries, includes a former Wasp. in Nick Popplewell, who is serving a suspension. Popplewell, the Newcastle and Ireland prop banned by a Rugby Football Union disciplinary tribunal after a punching incident during a game against Bedford last month, is able to play because the match falls outside the domestic season.

His temporary colleagues include Waisale Serevi, the Fijian stand-off half, four of whose team-mates will play for the Barbarians in the finals of the Middlesex sevens at Twickenham this Saturday. WASPS: J Utton S Roiser, M Half & Scrase N Logan; G Rees, M Wood, A Black, S Mitchell W Green, M Greenwood D Cronin, A Roed, M White, P Scrivener

WORLD SQUAD: Backs: T van Rensberg (SA), D Campese (Aus), E RushniNZ J Kinwan (NZ) Y Yoshida, Japan), P Selle (Fi), W Serevi (Fi) L Arbizu (Aig), G Bachop (NZ), A N Other Forwands Popplewall (he), B Swarl (SA), D Theron

IN BRIEF

Ferreira loses his cool after defeat

WAYNE FERREIRA, a semifinalist for the past two years. made a quick exit from the Italian Open tennis championships yesterday, squander-ing five match points on his way to a first-mund defeat by Magnus Larsson, of Sweden. The ninth seed angrily threw his racket at a chair after failing to keep his nerve at the vital stages of a 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 upset on the grandstand court.

The court proved a grave-yard for seeds as Australia's Mark Philippoussis lost in straight sets to Karim Alami, of Morocco, ranked 68 in the world. The No io seed was beaten 6-2. 6-0.

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Golden rows

Rowing: A selection of juniors in line for possible Great Britain vests this year won a total of eight gold medals at Munich Regatta last weekend. Seventeen nations were present and the result was the best achieved at Munich since the British began attendance in 1994. Mark Banks, chief junior coach, said: standard is so hot at the

moment. Five of the gold medals came in sculling events.

Norman bids

Golf: Greg Norman will compete in the Lancome Trophy at St Nom-la-Bretèche near Paris from September 11 to 14. Norman has never won this event, his best finishes being third in 1983 and 1988.

Siddall hopes

Tennis: Shirli-Ann Siddall is one step away from joining fellow Britons, Sam Smith and Julie Pullin, in the first round proper of the Welsh International Open ladies tourna ment in Cardilf. Siddall, ranked 229th in the world, followed up her triumph over the American, Debbie Graham with an even more impressive 6-2. 7-5 win against Sonya Jeyaseelan, of Canada, ranked No IIo.

Champion duel

Darts: Richie Burnett, the 1995 Embassy world champion, is to meet the reigning WDC world champion. Phil Taylor, in a special maich at Circus Tavern, Purfleet, Essex, on Sunday, June 29.

Hayden plays decisive role

By JACK BAILEY

the experience to combat the weighty batting of Matthew Hayden, or run-a-ball Robin Smith, following on a half-century from Giles White.

A DAY shot through with showers and accompanied by Cheered on by the Hamp-shire team as though it were the cup final itself. Hayden bland pitch - though took full toll of Rashid's men had to watch out for the odd ball which kept io ing, went to his first century saw but dominate ball in this game between teams without for his new county from 111 hope of further progress toballs and, more than anyone, was responsible for Hampwards the Benson and Hedges Cup. But honour was shire squeezing home. It was a near thing between him and at stake and, for the Universi-Hodgson for the gold award, ties, the possible cachet of two victories this season over but Hayden's accurate bowlcounty teams, should they ing had also earned him two

pull off a win. wickets and it went to him. It was not to be. Despite a Hodgson should be nurfine century by Tim Hodgson. of Durham University and whom he has already made the odd appearance. His 60 in Essex, and an innings which the same competition against went far beyond his pinch-Kent was promising yesterhitting role from Umer Raday, he played with rare shid, of whom Middlesex maturity, at the same time think highly as a bowler, they plundering the Hampshire had neither the fire-power nor

attack for all it was worth. His left-handed partnership with Rashid realised 168 from 32 overs and although Rashid's was the greater share, Hodgson was no slouch, certainly looked less vulnerable on his way to being sixth out. By then the score was in the

realms of 200. Rashid was promoted in the order to swing the bat and to take advantage of the short leg-side boundary, with Maru turning the ball into him. Good tactics, which succeeded more comprehensively than even Singh, the Universities captain, could have hoped. Rashid not so much damaged Maru, as take the tured by Essex, the county for rest of the Hampshire attack apart. His 82 came from 100 balls, interrupted by two showers, and with Hodgson's sterling effort, laid the foundations for a handsome total. though, as it transpired, not

quite handsome enough.

IT IS 16 years since Middlesex last failed to win a match in the qualifying rounds of the Benson and Hedges Cup. In that year, three of their matches were abandoned. This season, they have already been beaten three times.

Yesterday, they yielded halfcenturies to Michael give Somerset the opportunity

Group A

Group B

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Northants Durham Notts

of making certain of a place in the quarter-finals. Burns's innings of included a memorable six driven over cover point off Fraser. He was in for 72 balls and struck five fours before skving a catch to mid-on.

Bowler was unbeaten on 54, including seven lours, and and Peter Bowler that helped Somerset on 172 for four, when the game was finally halted

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DR MARTENS EUROPEAN LEAGUS: J Hipgers (Scot) drew with S Daws (Eng) 4-4; S Hendry (Scot) drew with R O'Sullivan (Eng) 4-4.

SQUASH

Warwickshire in the absence of Tim Munton, was left frustrated as rain postponed the game against Derbyshire at Derby until today. The match is his only chance to bat in one-day cricket before the England selectors pick the squad for the Texaco Trophy series against Australia. Knight broke a finger play-

ing for England in New Zealand, but told David Graveney, the chairman of selectors. that he would be fit for the first Texaco game at Heading-ley on May 22. "I have to score some runs to put myself in with a chance of being picked." Knight said.

The quarter-final draw will be held at 8.15am on Wednesday, May 14 and not Tuesday. May 13 as originally scheduled. The draw will be covered by BBC Radio 5 Live.

ROME: Italian Open men's lournament: First round. T Musier (Austra) bit M Martell (II) 6-3, 6-2; C Woodruff (US) bit D Princest (Ger) 6-3, 6-2; M Goether (Ger) bit J Stark (US) 7-6, 6-4. M Rosset (Swatz) bit J Golmand (Fr) 7-5, 6-4. E Alvarez (Sp) bit F Claver (Sp) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; R Kraticok (Holl) bit D Nergoso (Iti 7-5, 6-3, 4 Portas (Sp) bit G Rusedski (GB) 7-6, 7-6; K Alsarri, (Mor) bit M Philippoursis (Auc) 6-2, 6-3, 4 Sammani, Frit bit AC Brien (US) 7-6, 6-4, J Semennik (Holl) bit J Turango (US) 7-5, 6-3; F Samton (Fr) bit AC Brien (US) 7-6, 6-4, J Semennik (Holl) bit R Furlan (It) 6-4, 6-1; C Ruud (Nor) bit F Fetterlen (Den) 6-4, 7-5, A Concip (Sole) bit W Fetterla (SA) 4-6, 7-5, 7-6, C Poline (Fr) bit B Black (Zm) 2-4, 6-3

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Courtos (Bell 5-0, 6-0; H Dragome (Rom) by N Zwerse (Bella) 7-6, 6-2, M S Lorenzo (Sp) bt H Nazyrova (Storativa) 5-2, 4-6, 6-3; C Ruben (US) bt P Ny-Poulses (Cen) 7-5, 6-2 G Ponched (II) bt P Suaret (Arg) 7-6, 4-6, 6-1, S Appelmans (Bos) bt Y Mokarova (Russ) 6-2, 7-6, M J Fernandez (US) bt F Porton (II) 6-4, 3-6, 6-1

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(Den) to N Weal 6-1, 6-2. D Rod(I) (US) bi C
Beacher 7-5. 6-2 M Lee of P Hand 3-6. 7-6,
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Answers from page 47

MANOAH

(b) Father of Samson. His wife was barren but an angel told him she would bear a deliverer of Israel. Only when the angel came a second time did Manoah and his wife know that their visitor was a messenger from God. Rembrandt did many drawings for a picture of Manoah sacrificing, but the resulting work (Dresden Art Gallery) has been regarded by art historians as only very partially his.

TABITIA

(a) In Greek, Dorcas, A woman of Joppa, full of good works, who was restored to life by Peter after he was shown all the coats and other garments which she had made for others. Whence a Durcas is a sewing-bee. Peter raising her from the dead is among Masaccio's scenes from the apostle's life in the Brancacci chapet in S. Maria del Carmine, Florence.

(b) Mother of the apostles James and John, sons of Zebedee. She was one of the women at the foot of the cross at the Crucifizion, and, according to Mark, also one of those who took spices to anoint his body as soon as the Sabbath ended, finding the tomb empty.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Play-offs: Semi-finals: Eastern Conference: Protect-pha 8 Buffalo (Philadelpha win best-of-siven series 4-1), Now York Pangons 2 New Jersey 1 (OT; Ranges, win series 4-1), Western Conference: Colorado 4 Edmon-ton 3 (Colorado win series 4-1)

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The state of the s

Growing challenge underlined by Schumacher's triumph

Ferrari's industry is rewarded

Rob Hughes on how

the Italian team

got back on track

by leading the way in Monte Carlo

anello, the Ferrari factory near Bologna. After the deluge of Monte Carlo, the calm and the industry returns to Formula One: even a victory that put Ferrari on top of the constructors' ratings for the first time since 1983 has to be deemed a transient moment after only five of the 17 grands prix have passed.

On Sunday evening there had been euphoria, but such feelings soon run out of gas in the ruthless, relentless world of motor racing. Yesterday gave me very great pleasure. Luca Di Montezemolo, the president of Ferrari, said.

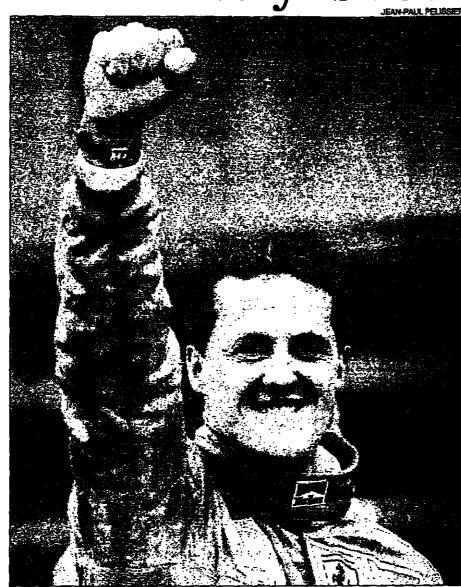
But we have to keep our feet on the ground, the race is not

Something similar had been said by Jean Todt, the Ferrari race team manager. even as the trophy in Monaco was passed between his driv-ers. "Before you think of tomorrow, you have to think of today," the diminutive Frenchman said, his hair tousled and his demeanour ruffled after being lifted into an embrace by Michael Schumacher, the winner of. the 55th Monaco Grand Prix, and Eddie Irvine, who slid the second scarlet Ferrari into third place.

Toot explained: "It's a long, long way. We have been trying to achieve something together for almost four years, we are slowly getting there, but one day we are heroes, the next we could be nothing. We have to keep our heads clear. I don't expect to be the champion team this year, but hopefully next."

So, from the Italian president of Ferrari down south, to the drivers who are German and Northern Irish and the manager, who is French. there is circumspection.

They all know how fickle grand-prix racing can be. They have only to look at Damon Hill, suffering in his



Michael Schumacher, celebrating victory for Ferrari in Monte Carlo, may soon be joined on the podium by his ambitious younger brother, Ralf, below

in his new Arrows team. A \$7 million (about £4.3 million) test driver whose promises appear bankrupt, whose car crashed out on lap two.

Owners of grand-prix cars tend to change drivers quicker than playboys change mistresses, thus the brooding Hill has already been asked time and again this troubled season where he will go next.

The face of failure in a season not yet half-run. To that, more alarmingly, one can add Benetton, so recently top of the pile. The experienced Benetion drivers, Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger. are struggling for reliability. without a point, without a lost their technical director



former world champion, Schumacher, to Ferrari (that will teach Flavio Briatore, the steal the Ferrari cook, Luigi). finish, without a drop of faith and designer as well as their But, the real shift in power in

motor racing, given its turn of the lottery wheel under Monte Carlo's weeping skies, cen-tres on Williams versus

Ferrari. Williams appeared unpro-fessional in being caught unprepared for the downpour that had been forecast. The track temperature fell from 31C during the Sunday morning warm-up to 17C by the 2.30pm race start. Without sufficient rubber, Jacques Villeneuve and Heinz-Harald Frentzen were never at the

Indeed, in the driving mirror of the supreme motorist, Michael Schumacher, could for at least part race, an image of the future. It had a fmiliar look, for Ralf

Schumacher, 21, in his first Formula One series, is handling the Peugeot power of the Jordan in a manner that suggests the day when Schumachers are first and second on the front line of the grid is by no means incredi-ble. Schumacher the younger needs to learn the tracks to shed the French nickname "le chien fou [mad dog]" to follow in big brother's treadmarks.

They say lightning never strikes twice, but the rain that turned Monte Carlo into a skid-pan returned twice in successive years. The drive around the houses is surreal enough without this interference, this capricious fall from the heavens. But racing drivers must cope with it and must withstand the sometimes withering tongue of those who rule the sport.

> We have to keep our feet on the ground.

The race is not yet won'

When the Stewart team complained about having to put their motorhome and garage high on the hill, they called it Alcatraz. Bernie Ecclestone, the man rumoured to be contemplating floating Formula One racing for £2 billion, retorted: "Stewart always wanted to be close to the royals, I've put him up

Just as droll was the putdown from Max Mosley, the president of the FIA, responding to Villeneuve's taunts that motor racing, with its increasing safety precautions, is be-ginning to lose the fun and the challenge. "Jacques suggests that all racing drivers were mediocre until he came along

... " the president of the sport's governing body said. Harsh words and harsh twists and turns in the championship. For the rec-ord, Michael Schumacher believes that Williams might outpower Ferrari at the next grand prix, the Spanish, in Barcelona, but warns that Ferrari are preparing im-provements that should come before the Montreal race next

EQUESTRIANISM

Designer finds the right pitch

By JENNY MACARTHUR

IF TEEMING rain, which reduced attendance to just below the usual 200,000, and lan Stark's showjumping de-bacle on Stanwick Ghost, which handed victory to David O'Connor, were the less rewarding memories of the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials last week, the sheer brilliance of the cross-country riding on Saturday was undoubtedly the highlight.

With the strongest field in the 48-year history of the event, the standard was always going to be high. Fortyfive of the 76 horses who set out had no jumping penalties - including three young Swedish riders all competing for the first time. Helped by the going, 16 riders were clear inside the time — almost

double the usual number. It was not that the course was easy, more that the riders have become so good. When the sixth fence, the set of corners called the Mitsubishi M, was first introduced three vears ago it prompted numerous run-outs. This year there was one. Similarly with the Vicarage Vee, the biggest corner (3ft 11in) allowed under the rules and once deemed Badminton's most frightening lence. This year only two riders faulted there.

When a "bounce" fence into The Lake was first introduced most riders chose the easier option. This year -- when, admittedly, it was a more forgiving lake complex with shallower water and no jump out - most opted for the bounce. Only eight riders made mistakes.

The increased skill of the riders highlights the course designer's dilemma. Make it too demanding, as Hugh Thomas thinks he did last year at The Lake, and you risk inexplicable falls", a course designer's nightmare. Make it 100 straightforward and the influence of the cross country on the overall event is diminished.

This year Thomas appeared to pitch it right: a genuine four-star track.

TELEVISION CHOICE

A gamble worth the risk

The first in a series of documentaries from the BBC The first in a series of documentaries from the BBC regions tells how a potential cancer victim decided on a brave and radical remedy. Julia Booth, in her late thirties with three young daughters, comes from a family where breast cancer has been common. It killed her mother at 43 and genetic tests suggest an 85 per cent chance that Booth will inherit the disease. She is determined to see her children grow up and although perfectly healthy at the moment, she decides to have both her breasts removed. Doubts and complications follow, as differing medical advice pulls Booth first one way and then another, but she finally opts for a double mastectomy with reconstructive surgery. Made masteriomy with reconstructive surgery. Made with tact and sensitivity, even when it enters the operating theatre, the film concludes on an optimistic note.

Moving People Channel 4, 8.00pm

As moving home is supposed to lie not far behind bereavement on the scale of distress, there is an element of Schadenfreude in watching other people going through it. The impression is reinforced by John Peel's chirpy links, delivered from a rustic paradise he clearly has no intention of leaving. Sure enough, the main point of tonight's home to the foresterious of leaving the links. first story is the frustration of last-minute hitches first story is the trustration of last-minute hitches as the moving date gets put back and back. But credit the show with variety. Three muns leaving a 200-year-old priory in Whithy for council flats in Dundee is one of those quirky stories that never fail, while the mood changes abruptly in following a young Cornishman's move from a house to a burgatery. He is doing it for his wife who is bungalow. He is doing it for his wife, who is disabled with spinal cancer. But he knows she may not live to see their new home.

Touching Evil ITV, 9.00pm

When Ronald Hinks, the child killer, was found dead in last week's episode that seemed to close the case. But do not be too sure. This is a show that likes to leave loose ends. Meanwhile our serial crime busters move on to a fresh challenge. Hardly have the opening credits rolled than three patients

Prince Michael presents (ITV, times vary)

have died mysteriously within half an hour of each have died mysteriously within half an hour of each other at a London hospital. With near-death experiences at its heart, this proves to be a scenario well out of the usual run, so full marks to the writer, Paul Abbott, for ingenuity. The pity is that he has not made his detectives as interesting as his plots. Members of the Robson Green fan club will disagree, but DI Creegan is not a Jack Frost. Nor has Nicola Walker, so good in the disappointing Chalk, so far been able to make much of Di Taylor.

Victoria and Albert

When a member of the Royal Family turns television presenter, you want to know how good he is and what insights he brings to his subject. Although a trifle stiff and formal. Prince Michael of Kent is a worthy guide to the lives of his great great grandparents, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Tonight's film, the first of two, concentrates on Albert. Apart from showing a previously unseen photograph, Prince Michael mainly recapitulates familiar material. But he reminds us of what an admirable figure Albert was. He inspired the Great Exhibition, built Osborne House and rebuilt Balmoral. He sorted out the Army after the Crimean War disasters and showed practical concern for the poor. Although his ITV, times vary practical concern for the poor. Although his marriage to Victoria was arranged, it became a love match. She adored him and was devastated by his early death. Peter Waymark his early death.

Murray Walker's Grand Prix World

Formula One motor racing is a distinctly odd sport, thus it is only fitting that its public voice should belong to the distinctive (if not odd) Murray

Walker. Hyberbole is, of course, the stock in trade of most sports commentators, but Walker is the only one who manages to speak in capital letters and italies at the same time, with verbal exclamation marks thrown in at the end of every

sentence. But this programme, the first in a six-part series, brings us a more reflective Walker and it demonstrates that beyond the much-imitated

voice is a man with a thorough knowledge of motor racing and its personalities. He is certainly an enthusiast, but the enthusiasm is supported by real understanding.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00em Newshour 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 Woold Today 7.30 Anatomy of Addiction 8.16 Off the Shelf 8.30 Touched with Fire 8.46 Good Relationship Guide 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Keep To The Path 9.30 Evarywomen 16.00 Business 10.15 Sound Business 10.30 Literature-File 10.45 Sport 11.30 On Screen 12.30pm Anatomy of Addiction 1.90 News in German 1.95 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitack 4.05 Sport 4.15 Keep To The Path 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 8.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 One Planet 8.01 Outlook 3.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Medician Live 11.30 World Today 11.46 Sport 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Megamix 1.30 Ferming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Discovery 3.30 Medician Live 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

Radio 5 Live, 9.00pm

RADIO CHOICE

The Spud Unjacketed

Radio 2, 9.30pm Students of media fashion will be aware that nobody ever won a Sony award by making a programme about a potato, to which I can only add: more's the pity. This programme is terrific fun, especially for people with the habit of introducing obscure facts at parties. Not a lot of people know this, but German V-2 rockets were fuelled by a mixture of notato spicit and notate. There is in a mixture of potato spirit and poteen. There is in the United States a newsletter called *Peelings*, for potato lovers everywhere: not a lot of people know that, either. Tonight's programme is presented by John Walters, who has more or less cornered the market in wittily informative programmes on both radio and television. His "well I never" tone of voice fits happily with the listeners' reaction.

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcilife 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Sassion 8.30 Digital Update with Rachel Raymand 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Alek Lester 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alen Freeman: Their Greatest Bits 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 The Rock 'n' Roll Years with Brian Matthew 9.30 The Spurd Unjacketed See Choice 10.30

5.00ara Morning Reports 6.00 The Breeklast Programme, includes Racing Preview 9.00 The Megiazine 12.00 Medday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwick 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Any Sporting Cuestions? The first of a new series live from the City Ground, Nottinghem with Pat Murphy in the chair 9.00 Murray Walker's Grand Prix World. See Choice 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO 5.00am. Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Loneine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Pater Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins 4.00em Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Hall of Farce Hour 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newenight 7.30 -Sonata 8.00 Singapore Week Evening Concert. Leong Youn Pin (Glocos-Largamente); Mazari (Plano Concerto No 23 in A.mejor, K488); Verdi (The Four Seasons); Ippolitor-Ivanov (Symphony No 1 in Eminor, Op 46) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (s).

CLASSIC FM

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ nº Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Benks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Rancial Lee Rose

8.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor: Includes
Mozert (Symphony No 40 in G minor); Debussy
(La Demoiselle Ette); Shostalovich (Prekude and
Fugue, Op 87 No 21); Jestadovich (Symphony
Orchestra); Haydn Wood (Variations on a Once
Popular Hamorous Song); Stravinsky (Symphony
of Peology)

Includes Telemann (Concerto in A minor); Wolf (Italian Serenada; Im Frühling); Vaughan Willert (Symphony No 6) Intractal Tempuring

(Symphony No 6)
Mitisteal Encounters, with Flore Talkington,
Includes Trad (Anicuta Draga); Haydin (Symphony
No 62 in D); Geza Allaga (Repsodie Hongroise);
Mozart (Horn Concerto in E Rat, K495); Ahri
Sominen (Laulu Ormesta); Liszt (Rekoczi March);
Strauss (Somatins No 1; Aus der Wertstaat eines
Inveliden); Jean Wiener (Accordian Concerto);

Strauss (Sonaine No 1; Aus der Werkstagt eines Inveliden): Jean Wiener (Accordian Concerto)

12.00 Composer of the Weelt Leiber

1.00pm Musica ad Rhenum. The Dutch early-music group, recorded at a concert given lest year in Melk, Austria. Includes Vivaldi (Concerto for Two Flutes, RV533); Fux (Overture in G minor); Multat (Concerto frosso in G)

1.50 Volces, lain Burnside presents a programme of songs by Delius, Stenhammer and Schellus in a concert given in 1992 at the Wigmore Hall in London by the soprano Barbara Borney and the pianist Geoffrey Parsons (r)

2.35 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Pratharmonic, under Yan Pascal Torteliar, Cecile Ousset, plano. Bridge (Suita, The Ses); Saint-Sefisi (Prano Concerto No. 2 in G minor); Roussel (Symphony No. 3)

4.00 Spirit of the Age. Christopher Page and Ardis Butterfield present readings from Jean Remat's

Romance of the Rose and music exploring May

Romance of the Rose and music exploring May and spring (r)

5.00 Music Mechine. Tommy Pearson joins a time dance with Stella Whyldon

5.15 In Tume, with Humphray Carpenter. Includes D'Indy (Diptych Mediterranéen); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 1); Uszt (Valke d'Obermann. Book One of Armées de Pélerinage)

7.30 Live at Tumer Sims. Paul Guinery introduces the third in a series of five recitels from the Tumer Sims Hell in Southernoton. Jeachim Trio. Part (Adegio); Schumern (Piano Trio No 2 in F. Op 80) 8.10 The Music. The Last of the Habsburgs by James Hamilton-Paterson (3/5) 8.30 Concert part two. Tchalkovsky (Piano Trio in A minor, Op 50)

9.30 Conversations with Charles Rosen, Ivan Hewitt teles to the Armerican planies and author about the pleasures and difficulties of playing Bach at the plano (2/5)

9.50 Uster Orohestra, under Ronald Corp. With Raphael Weilfisch, cello. Debussy, orch Capter (Collivory's Colesvalk, Suite Children's Comer); Capter (Conference), Martinu (Stronetta, La Jolia)

10.45 Night Waves. Richard Coles profiles the French philosopher Jean Bauchilland who accuses the media of destroying a sense of reality Plus the latest news from the Cannes Film Festival

1.30 Composer of the Weetic Stbelfus (r)

12.30 June Jazz Notes. Richard Niles presents the the BBC Big Band with the guest musical director and soly tomborist ian MediDougall

1.00 Through the Niight, with Donald Medicod. Includes 1.00 Festivics Overtet Haydra (String Quartet in C. Op 9 No.1) 1.45 Organ rectal by Gard Zecher 3.00 Schols 5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.46 A Moment's Liberty [2/3] 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Edward Stourton. Call 0171-580 4444 with your questions for the guest of the day 10.00 News; Weston East. Simon Weston explores the duties and diestyles of the test British forces to be posted in Hook Koon [2/2]

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10.00 Dated Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hotz, with Jenni Murray.

11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare. Includes a therapy session for a person with a phobia of public speaking.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch.

12.25pm Guete. . Unguete. Nigel Rees chains a new series of the quotations quiz. With Stephen Fry. Ruta Lenska, Nigel Barley and Sk Bernard Ingham.

12.55 Weather.

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1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theather She Hadda Fly.
Based on an original idea by Margaret Wilkinson and Julia Darling. Two sisters from New York venture to Whitey Bay to run a cale but one decides to search for real adventura. With Arm Michel, Jane Hollowood and Rosalind Balley
2.30 Comparing Notes with Britan Kay. The stale of bellef in Britain is discussed with the composer Brian Elias and the conductor Barry Wordsworth
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Berlier
4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope at the Brighton Pestivel. Paul Vaughan reports from this year's lestivel which embraces the anniversaries of Schubert and Bratms

Schubert and Brahms

4.45 Short Story: A Bit of Company, by ColinGreenland, Read by Karry Shake
5.00 PM, with Keivir Bocquet and Chris Lowe 5.50
Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Milnor Adjustment. The third episode of the sixpart cornictly about a family with a daughter who
has Down's Syndrome. Written by Andy and Eric
Memiman. Staning Peter Devison. Samenthe Bond
and Claire Russell (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pile on 4. Joinsthan Rugman reports on important
issues at home and overseas
8.00 Sclerice Now. Peter Evens investigates claims in
a new book entitled The End of Science (r)
8.30 The Network. In the third of sky programmes
about the information age, Alum Lewis investigates
the future of transport. With more and more
people working from home will the need to

the future of transport. With more and more people working from home will the need to commute become obsolete?

9.00 In Touch, Peter White with news and teatures for visually impaired people

9.30 Kaleidoecope (f) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hitton

10.45 Book at Bedtimue: The Grass is Singing, by Doris Lessing. Read by Janet Suzman (2/10)

11.00 Mediumware. A review of the week's media events with Wincent Manna (r)

11.30 A Night with ... Patrick Moore, The celebrated estronomer take about ins tile-long fractination with the night-sky (4/6) (r)

with the right-sky (Aft) ().

12.00 Naves and 12.27 war approx Weather
12.30 am The Late Books Behärd the Scarnes at the Museum. The award-winning novel by Kale Attonson, Read by Paricta Hodge (7/10) ().

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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fishermen is this they V get up very early; they envelop themselves in thrift-shop clothing which, by international angling law, must include a garment with at least 28 pockets for storing emergency fishing items; they fill up a few tubs with live bugs which they keep in their fridge, but which you and I would call Rentokil to deal with; then they drive 70 miles to sit on a rainy riverbank and wait patiently for that rewarding moment when they finally catch a whopping dose of pneumonia. What we still don't know is why fishermen do all this when nobody is actually pointing a gun at them, or threatening to main their first-born.

How is it that millions have been hooked by this hobby? If you believe Tales from the Riverbank (BBC2), it's because fishing helped to bring joy to people before Prozac came along. "If you want to be flappy," advised Geoffrey Palmer in last night's opening programme of the six-part series, "learn to Mother and Jimmy Carter and fish." This, apparently, they used to say in Ancient China. Look vhere it got them. Plenty of Hong Kong Chinese may be anxious to get their hands on a British passport, but you don't get the feeling it's because they all want to rush down to the Test to catch some trout.

Any other suggestions? A roach fisherman confesses to Palmer. our genial riverbank guide: "I love fishing. It gets me away from from the wife ... the dragon." Another bewitched angler explains that: "A person doesn't go fishing. He obeys a summons. Palmer himself stumbles upon something when he wonders aloud: "How can something so frustrating be so universally popular?" Because, strangely, it is often the very things that are maddeningly frustrating which turn out to be popular (Paul

Mother and Jimmy Carter and Jeremy Paxman and Sting are all so entranced by fly-fishing?

Frankly, the mystery for us non-fishermen merely thickened when we read in this newspaper recently about the man who tied a salmon fly using his wife's pubic hair. He may well have caught a shoal of fish with it, but isn't it a little spooky that he actually thought of doing this in the first place? Is this the way all great innovators leap ahead? (Microsoft boffin: "We've still got glitches on the new software program, Bill." Bill Gates: "Whaddya say we tie a pubic hair onto the floppy drive?").

The filming is up to the usual standards of the BBC's Natural History Unit in Bristol. including dazzling underwater footage of perch, tench and roach pootling about between the rocks, REVIEW



Joe Joseph

trying to avoid baited hooks that are swaying hypnotically before their eyes, like metronomes. In keeping with its subject, the film moves at a languid pace: if you're the fidgety type who lacks the patience to spend a whole day trying to catch an itsy-bitsy perch. video the programme and watch it later on fast forward.

For those who like their fish-TV served on a bigger, brasher scale,

shark-infested waters of the City in Mrs Cohen's Money (Channel 4). reeling in any corporate predator of defenceless, financially gullible minnows.

Mrs Cohen was focusing on savings and on how we must all put something aside for our old age: she means something in addition to our fantasy about winding up in the same old people's home as Isabelle Adjani.

This week's victim was George Mack, finance director of United Friendly, which had sold a pension plan to Bernice's cab-driver. Phil, who earns £24,000 a year and lives in East London with his wife Jackie and their young daughter. Courtney, Motormouth Bernice (1 had that Phil in the front of my cab once") thought the policy stank like an old kipper. "At the end of Year One," she tells Phil, squinting at the small print, "total paid to date is £600. Total actual deductions to date are £628." Phil. who likes receiving tips, but isn't so keen about giving one to his pension firm, felt duped. His wife Jackie lifted her jaw off the carpet and shrieked: "It's disgusting." Mrs Cohen can't believe how

apathetic we are about making our money grow: "I find it truly depressing." She is like your Jewish grandmother, who instead of asking you if you're eating enough, or whether you have a warm vest on, nags solicitously about whether you are providing properly for your old age. Don't be surprised if you start seeing a national chain of Grandma Cohen Financial Advice Bureaux, serving chicken soup and Tessas.

lan Bleasdale's latest baby, Melissa, is a homage to thriller writer Francis Durbridge's original 1960s television script, translated to modern

"prequel". In one of its grand scheduling flourishes, Channel 4 is showing all five parts at 9pm: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, with the final two episodes going out next week. So far the stars — Jennifer Ehle performs wonders as Melissa: Tim Dutton plays Guy Foster, a newlywidowed war correspondent who falls helplessly in love with Melissa un his return cruise trip to London from his posting in South Africa — sparkle far more than the

Four people died, more or less randomly, in last night's curtainraiser. We weren't given the teeniest hint why, making it much more of a mystery than a thriller so far: we haven't been told enough yet to be sucked to the edge of our seats. For a thriller, Melissa seems strangely slow. Maybe, as with fishing, patience is eventually

6.00am Business Breakfast (81110) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (93868) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3100348) 9.20 Style Challenge (6571665) 9.45 Kilroy (7826313)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (18058) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7740058) 11.05 The Great Escape (7107058) 11.35 Change That (8368412) 12.00 News (T) and weather (8377329) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8015435) 12.35 Going for a Song (9456435)

1.00 News (1) and weather (96955) 1.30 Regional News (86790348) 1.40 The Weather Show (99969435) 1.45 Neighbours (40889077) 2.10 Quincy (r) (6555139) -2.55 Through the Keyhole (6387232)

3.20 Skepper on Style Ethnic styles, (6421503) 3.30 Mouse and Mole (7228752) 3.35 Playdays (6773232) 3.50 Arthur (2393771) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Hamet Hyde (7515394) 4.35 Round the Twist (1352503) 5.00 Newsround (T) (4510436) 5.10 Activ-8. New series (T) (6389961)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (403394) 6.00 News (1) and weather (961) 6.30 Regional News (313)

7.00 Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt Kevin Woodford tries to become a concierge at Hong Kong's Mandarin Oriental Hotel; Verbier chalet girl (1) (1619)

7.30 EastEnders Lorraine's world comes crashing down around her ears (T) (597) 8.00 Children's Hospital Teenage burns victim Martin Stowell takes his first steps after having his big toe amputated and

painful skin-grafts (T) (4139) 8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Bigamy has its problems as Gary rapidly discovers (T)

9.00 News (1) and weather (5226) 9,30 One Foot in the Grave A lazy day mession about on the wa

nautical nightmare (r) (T) (49416) 10.00 Crimewatch UK Hernel Hemostead police appeal for help in catching the man who brutally assaulted a woman. Plus two carbon-copy armed robberies in Southwick, Sussex, six months apart (615597)

10.45 The Beast of Lenny Henry (r) (T)

(184226)11.15 Film 97 with Barry Norman Reviews of Anaconda, with Jon Voight and Eric Stolitz, Oscar-winning films Kolya and When We Were Kings: Robin Williams, Morgan Freeman and Stockard Channing in Moll Flanders. Plus Stephen Fry on Oscar Wide (181139)

11.45 Crimewratch UK Update (377400) 11.55 The Public Eye (1992) Joe Pesci stars in a romantic drama directed by Howard Franklin as a lonely New York tabloid photographer whose encounter with glamorous reightclub owner Barbara Hershey leads to the discovery of a government scandal (806503)

1.30am Weather (3170530)

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7.55 Bue Peter (i) (1060023) 8.20
Juniper Jungle (8920961) 8.35 The
Raccoons (3161597) 9.00 Study Ireland
(10416) 9.30 Space Art; The

Environment (7403400) 9.45 Watch (7408955) 10.00 Teletubbies (51348) 10,30 Come Outside (6754503) 10.45 Science Zone (4741690) 11.05 Space Ark (7658023) 11.15 Go for kl (5308435) Hear! (r) (27752)

12.30pm Working Lunch (54394) 1.00 Teaching Today (94597) 1.30 The Bible in Animation (53665) 2.00 Juniper Jungle (10530684)

2.10 The Fugitive (1947, b/w) Henry Fonda stars as a priest who defies anti-clerical authorities in a small Latin-American country and continues his work among sants. Directed by John Ford

3.55 News (1) (5504503) 4.00 Blockbusters (5418752) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (5428139) 4.55 Eather: Eating Disorders (1316666) 5.30 Today's the Day (690) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (426771) 6.25 Heartbreak High (503145) 7.10 The O Zone (986503)



Julia and her young family (7.30pm)

7.30 Home Ground A new series of documentanes begins with Julia Booth, a 39-year-old mother of three, making a traumatic medical decision that could save her life (T) (139) 8.00 Two Fat Ladies Jennifer Paterson and

Clarissa Dickson Wright prepare lish pie in Mevagissey in Comwalf (r) (T) (5481) 8.30 Food and Drink George Melly celebrates black pudding and Jilly Goolden and Oz Clarke laste vintage wines from the northern hemisphere (T) (7416)

9.00 Murder One A number of prosecution witnesses offer damaging testimony against Latrell (T) (707665) 9.45 Bloom or Bust? A look at how the Laura Ashley company plans to revamp its

image after sales have dramatically dropped since the boom of the 1980s 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (640690)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (847874) 11.15 Ruby Ms Wax chals to John Simpson and Eve Amold (172232) 11.55 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (b/vi) (562481) 12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Blue Haven (T) (47563) 1.00 Ecological

Predictions (T) (12917) 1.30 Graphs, Networks and Design (28066) 2.00 The Experimenter/Space Ark (72725) 4.00 BBC Focus: Teaching and Learning with IT (84443) 4.30 Teaching and Learning with IT Special (93882) 5.00 Inside Europe (79714) 5.30 Film Education 6.00am GMTV (4753706) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6589684) 9.55 Regional News (3087619)

10.00 The Time, the Place (48874) 10.30 This Morning (62999690) 12.20pm Regional News (8374232) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9442232)

12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (45995226) 12.55 Shortland Street (9354023) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (70515329) 1.50 Alternoon Live (40782110) 2.20 Vanessa (40970481) 2.50 Afternoon Live (2762961)

3.20 News (T) (6432619) 3.25 Regional News and weather (6424690)

3.30 Wizadora (r) (6785077) 3.40 Potamus Park (r) (7233684) 3.50 Old Bear Stories (7239868) 4.00 Garfield and Friends (T) (4139619) 4.20 Waynehead (T) (7524042) 4.40 Island (T) (9527619) 5.10 The House Transforming a derelict Victorian house into a home for the 21st

century (7005145) 5.40 News (T) and weather (679400) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (420597) 6,25 HTV Weather (402706)

6.30 The West Tonight (f) (481) 7.00 Emmerdate Birl finally tells Linda the truth about his father (T) (6787) 7.30 Family Circles Following wrestler Saeed

Esmaeli as he tries to emulale his father and quality for the Olympics (665) 8.00 The Bill Greig enlists the help of two pensioners (5435)



Businessman Asil Nadir (8.30pm)

8.30 The Cook Report Roger Cook subjects lugitive executive Asil Nadir to a tough

line of questioning (T) (1042) 9.00 Touching Evil A two-part murder investigation begins with three hospital patients being murdered in one night (T) (7936)

10.00 News (f) and weather (28435)

10.30 Regional News (1) (149394) 10.40 CHOICE Victoria and Albert Prince Michael of Kent presents this dramatised reconstruction of the love between Queen Victoria and Prince Albert

(1/2) (1) (312503) 11.40 Conspiracy of Silence Dramaisation following the true story of Helen Betty Osborne, a young Indian woman who was murdered in Northern Mantoba,

Canada in 1971 (1) (182139) 12.40am Dating the Enemy (4241424) 1.40 Stand and Deliver Last in senes

2.40 The Chart Show (f) (4162725) 3.30 F1: Monaco Grand Prix Highlights form

the weekend's race (76527) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (97608) 5.00 Heirloom (r) (66240) 5.30 News (59375)

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9354023) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7005145) 6.25-7.00 Central News (788394)

7,30-8.00 Heart of the Country (665) 11.40 Highlander (182139) 12.40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (9698733)

1.10 Film: Dance 'Til Dawn (917462) 2.55 in Focus (3642733) 3.40 The Big Match Replayed (1562288) 4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (5578240) 5.20 Aslan Eye (8006627)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 illuminations (8293313) 12.55 Home and Away (8100868) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (22271684) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7005145) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (66139) 7.30-8.00 Animal Passions (665) 11.40 Highlander (182139)

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As HTV West except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away (7005145) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (329) 6.30-7.00 Truly, Madly, Weekly (481) 7.30-8.00 The Parish (665) 11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (182139) 5.00am Freescreen (66240)

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7005145) 6.23 Anglia Weather (403435) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (788394) 7.30-8.00 Homemaker (665) 11.40 Swift Justice (182139)

S4C Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (87348)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (82706) 9.00 Bewitched (32684) 9.30 Ysgolion (172394) 12.00 House to House (25348) 12.30pm Rickl Lake (45690) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (96277464)

1.15 Pingu (91227969) 1.30 Waterways (44961) 2.00 Racing from York (4067) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (394) 4.30 Taste of the Times (706)

5.00 5 Pump (1665) 5.30 Countdown (918) 6.00 Newyddion (868446) 6.05 Heno (504503)

6.35 Sion a Sian (313868) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (534684) 7.25 Glangwili (989961) 8.00 Eryri a'i Chriw (3077)

8.30 Newyddion (9684) 9.00 The Roses of No-Man's Land (1706) 10.00 Brookside (153787) 10.35 Dark Skies (227481)

11.30 Northern Exposure (531961) 12.25am-1.30 Hill Street Blues (5794801) 4.00 Ysgolion (7597356)

5.00am Sesame Street (r) (87348) **7.00** The Big Breakfast (82706) **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (32684)

9.30 Schools: Eureka 9.45 Stop Look Listen 10.00 Four Way Farm 10.10 Jacobies 10.30 Using Miseums 11.00 Science in Focus 11.20 Stage One 11.37 Lost Animals 11.45 Scotscapes (172394)

12,00 House to House (25348) 12.30pm Light Lunch Cookery and chat (48416) 1,30 Waterways (1) (44961)

2.00 Racing from York Brough Scott introduces a tour-race card includes 3.10 Tattersalls Musidora Stakes and 3.40 Stanley Racing Sprint Trophy Stalies

4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (394) 4.30 Countdown (T) (706) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (1665) 5.30 Pet Rescue An update on Chocolate Chip the kitten after the operation (T) (918) 6.00 Friends: The One with Two Parts Joey

Ursula (r) (T) (428139) 6.25 Fluke Quiz show based entirely on chance (509058)

6.55 Fresh Pop (375868) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (282955)



Nuns on the move (8.00pm) 8.00 CHOICE Moving People (2/8) Three nuns move to a Dundse council flat, a young Birmingham family move upmarket and a Cornish man moves to a bungatow for the sake of his

desperatiev ill wile (T) (3077) 8.30 Brookside Susannah has to cope with Max's children coming to stay Has Singad bitten off more than he can chew (1) (9684)

9.00 Melissa (2/5) Guy linds himself caught up in a nightmare as the police begin the questioning Continues tomorrow (T)

10.20 The Kill-Off (1989) Thriller based on the novel by Jim Thompson with Loretta Gross as a bedridden gossip who sets off

Maggie Greenwald (T) (802752) 12.15am Film Night A report on the re-release of John Wayne's classic films. Fans such as director Stephen Frears consider his

enduring popularity (8758998)

12.55 Dance Me Outside (1994) with Pivar Rajendra Black, Lisa LaCroix and Adam Beach The lives of two adolescents on a Native American reserve are dramatically attected by a murder. Directed by Bruce McDonald (5781337). 2.25 Powwow Highway (1989) with Gary FILE Farmer and A Martinez. Two friends

embark on a journey across America. Directed by Jonathan Wacks (531917) 4.00 Schools (7597356) 5.15 The Wardrobe (8016004) 5.20 Backdate (r) (T (9897820)

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6.00am 5 News Early (8866435)

7.30 Havakazoo (5548955) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8561077) 8.30 Wideworld Kate Bellingham examines how modern technology is making the world seem smaller (8560348)

9.00 Espresso (2428400) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7005313) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (T) (8477684) 11.00 Leeza (9144684) 11.50 Double Espresso (34518874) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8468936) 12.30pm Family Atlans (r) (1) (4570955) 1.00 5 News Update (49969874) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (3557597) 2.00 5's Company

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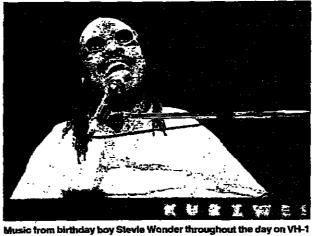
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Captain passes first test as Australians hit the ground running

Fluent Taylor sets Ashes tone

CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

ALL those who seek to belittle the Ashes, to strip them of their traditional pre-eminence, should have been in Mayfair yesterday morning. The first sight and sound of the 1997 Australians would have convinced them of their

It was not what they said but the way that they said it. It was not who was there but the way that they looked and listened. There is still no series in cricket quite like it. no contest that creates such anticipation, such instantly obvious glamour. Even allowing for the diplomacy demanded by the occasion, it was plain that Mark Taylor and his men shared the feeling.

They were just off a flight from Hong Kong, where they had stopped to stretch their legs with an exhibition game. but this Australia side, loyal to

Suape shines Salisbury strikes

its modern ethos, was out to make the right impression from the start. Years ago, when image was not deemed so important, their predecessors may have arrived looking unkempt and sounding unapproachable. Today, this would not do. Heavens, they are even sponsored by Coca-Cola rather than some unpalatable

The players filed into the hotel conference room wearing sharp grey suits and tour ties. They were clean-shaven and remarkably bright-eyed. They also spoke with a friendly lucidity beyond the scope or desire of too many English contemporaries. It is not only in performance that England

have fallen behind. Taylor must long ago have wearied of questions about his batting form and how long he can remain captain without an improvement therein. Shane Warne, equally, is entitled to subject of his worn spinning finger, but you could sense no scorn, no impatience, from their smiling responses.

In his eager, upbeat style,



Warne, the likely scourge of England this summer, faced up to a media interrogation upon landing yesterday with charm and courtesy

Taylor reiterated his belief that he remained a good opening batsman and that his form would return. He was, he said, setting himself no deadlines. "I will be the captain until the selectors, and l

He reminisced about the 1989 tour, on which he had endured such a lean start that

to make a hundred. That's how quickly it can turn around. "In the three weeks since we left South Africa, I have am one of them, decide to I've been fishing, relaxing, just

only time I have picked up a for a time, all I could think of bat was two days ago, when I was September 9 and going packed it in my case." Warne, as ever, was the magnet. As the formal part of the morning concluded, he was surrounded by a scrum of cameras, microphones, nod-

> nalists. It was no sweat. Cricket has enjoyed few more natural celebrities. He made his statements sporting a gold ring in his left ear rather than his more discreet stud, and wearing designer boots rather than formal shoes, but Warne would stand out anyway. He held court naturally, spoke articulately and, without being arrogant, positively. Then he agreed, goodnaturedly, to stroll out onto the pavements of Bond Street and pose with Taylor for some

corny pictures alongside a

London telephone box. It was

dropped on eight and went on

doing what I want to do. The

ding television interviewers

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home. Then, at Taunton, I was a model exercise in public relations and all England players, who know how agressively different Warne can be as an opponent, would have ground their teeth at the

> charm of it. how to raise a laugh, how to speak brightly without betraying secrets. Asked whether England might learn "any new tricks" from the videos of

him that they are due to study, he responded, in mock alarm: "It depends what videos they are watching." Quizzed on his recent injuries, he gave a detailed account of his return "about 95 per cent" of full

really, really well," he said. "I feel I am on the verge of something special here." And, because it was the time and place to say so, he expanded on his

prestigious tour", "the best

new vice-captain, has a genuine love affair with this counthen there is no more uncompromising an opponent, but Waugh believes that this is the finest country in which to play the game and, now that he has a role as a spokesman, he

intends to say so.
This is always the best series of all, no matter whether we are the two best teams or not," he said. "England is like a second home to most of us and we find the crowds are appreciative. If you hit a four here, you will certainly get a clap, which is a bit different to

a lot of other places." The first claps, probably many of them, will be heard at Arundel on Thursday. Two days of net practice at Lord's precedes this opening fixture. but the Australians were not being allowed an idle first day. This afternoon, we will have a session in the gym," Alan Crompton, the tour manager, announced. Warne, for the first and only time, looked less than delighted to be here.

It was a constantly repeated theme. Stephen Waugh, the once a game is under way, for

talents.

move into the transfer market,

Villa prepare to stake £7m on future with Collymore

ASTON VILLA have agreed to pay a club record fee of £7 million for Stan Collymore, the Liverpool forward. The player will travel to Villa Park today for talks about a fiveyear contract.

Although the deal is still some way from being complet-ed, an official at Anfield confirmed last night that a fee had been agreed between the two clubs and the player had been given permission to begin negotiations. The transfer now rests on Collymore being able to agree personal

The move would bring to an end a troubled career at Liverpool for the 26-year-old. He signed two years ago for a British record transfer fee of £8.5 million, from Nottingham immediatedly dogged by controversy, which surfaced throughout his time at Anfield.

Collymore was dropped from the side soon after signing and complained bitterly in the media that he wished he had never signed for the club. When he finally replaced Ian Rush as the partner for Robbie Fowler, he managed 20 goals in his first season.

After the Cup Final defeat by Manchester United last May, however, Collymore again fell out of favour with Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager. That prompted a move from Villa before Christmas, but their original bid of £5 million was declined.

The forward's problems stemmed from a refusal to move to Merseyside. He became remote from his teammates and was again dropped consistently through a season

that delivered just 16 goals. He was replaced at halftime against Sheffield Wednesday on Sunday and has made little secret of the fact that he wants to play closer to the move to Villa an ideal one

The transfer would appear a surprising development for Brian Little, the normally cautious Aston Villa manager, but he has indicated his readiness to risk the huge fee on the goalscorer's undoubted

Evans will immediately

should the move be completed today. He will use the proceeds to table a bid for Jari Litmanen, the Ajax and Finland forward, and for Paul Ince, who is at present with

Internazionale. Steve Gibson, the Middlesbrough chairman, has hinted that he may yet be prepared to League in an attempt to prevent the club from being relegated. Gibson has yet to reveal whether he will contest the deduction of three points which ultimately cost Middiesbrough their place in the FA Carling Premiership — in

the High Court. He said that he prepared to fight league officials. Speaking about the decision to dock the points after his club failed to fulfil a fixture at Blackburn Rovers, Gibson



Collymore: unhappy

said: "We have people running the game who don't understand it. The people at the top are a banker, a lawyer and an administrator and it is not just my feeling they don't understand the game, it is the feeling of other chairmen."

Liverpool have indicated that they will withdraw Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler from the England squad announced by Glenn the Liverpool manager, said yesterday that both players need operations and would be unavailable for all the summer international mat-

Slavan Bilic, the West Ham United defender, will travel to Merseyside today for a medical and is expected to be unveiled as an Everton player

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Defeat for Rusedski

GREG RUSEDSKI, the Great Britain No 2, returned to the

Rusedski has been suffering not played a serious match since beating Tamer El Sawy, of Egypt, in St Petersburg on

his chances, particularly in the opening set. He broke Portas to lead 5-3. However, the Spaniard broke

There were no service breaks in the second set but, in the tie-break. Rusedski served a double fault to trail 2-4 fought back to 4-4 but then lost three successive railies for Portas to win 7-4.

Tim Henman, due to return. after an elbow operation, in Rome today, has dropped to No 18 in the world rankings.

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New method has cricket fans struggling to know the score

was other than an artificial exercise. In days gone by, a simpleton could comprehend that if one county scored 200 runs in their allotted overs, then their opponents would be victorious by making more. This season the advent of the Duckworth-Lewis system for resolving run-rates required turned such simplistic thinking on its head: the side batting second can now win by scoring fewer runs in the same number of overs.

The umpires have refused to cope with the new computations. The scorers are finding them a burden. The public are baffled and have written to the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) to say so. The media are equally uncomprehending. "In the Texaco series I shall rely on my bearded computer. Bill Frindall. because my limited mathematical brain finds the whole thing incomprehensible." Henry Blofeld, of Test Match Special, said. The system, which is being

used in England for the first

time, is the brainchild of

Ivo Tennant on the

system of revising one-day targets that

is baffling many

Frank Duckworth, a freelance statistical consultant, and Tony Lewis, a university lecturer. Their idea is that if a side batting first loses overs through rain, its final score is increased to a projected score. "To achieve this, an average total score is used to calculate the average score which would have been achieved during the lost part of the

To the layman, this is gobbledegook. To the Association of County Cricket Scorers, which has been given special tuition at Lord's, it means a considerable amount of work, "We have been put upon," Ted Lester, their chairman, said. A helpline has been set up for cricket managers and, if necessary, scorers. "We felt some would struggle to do the compilations manually," John

Carr, the ECB's cricket operations manager, said.

Peter Byrne, a statistician employed by the BBC, feels the new system is bizarre. "How can you have one side scoring 155 off 23 overs, as happened at Hardepool on Sunday, and the other left needing 154 to win? That has to be absurd. If there was an electronic breakdown of computers, it could take half an hour for the scorers to work out the runs required from charts based on statistical data from past matches. Even more complications would arise if the second innings is interrupted, as well as the first. For someone not mathematically adept. this would impose a burden."

Carr accepts that followers of the game will find the system alien. "It is possible scorers will make mistakes calculating run-rates and, if the worst comes to the worst, I imagine a match could be played again. But we will check the scorers' compilations to make sure they are done correctly. The International Cricket Council believes it is a fair system and so

on return

ATP tour after a two-month absence and lost 7-6, 7-6 to Albert Portas, of Spain, in the first round of the Italian Open in Rome yesterday. from wrist trouble and had

March 17 before withdrawing from the tournament. Portas, ranked No 67 in the world, was a qualifier for the tournament. Rusedski, ranked No 39, served 12 aces and had

straight back and the game went to a tie-break, which Rusedski lost 9-7.